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State narcs raid Cannabis Buyers Club

by Liz Highleyman

A series of early morning raids Sunday, August 4 was the precursor to a Monday injunction to close the San Francisco Cannabis Buyers Club (CBC), an organization that provides medical marijuana to 11,000 people with illnesses including AIDS and cancer.

Officers with the state's Bureau of Narcotics Enforcement, under the direction of Attorney General Dan Lungren, broke down the doors of the CBC's 1444 Market Street headquarters at 7:30 a.m. Sunday. Officers ransacked and confiscated private medical files, which were kept under lock and key in accordance with state law requiring that medical records be kept confidential.

Over 40 pounds of marijuana, pot brownies, scales, and over \$50,000 in cash were also seized.

Surveying the wreckage of the club on Sunday afternoon, CBC staff member John Entwistle emphasized that the first order of business would be to reassure shaken club members. "We're going to clean up, and there will be no shenanigans," he said. "We will open for business to the extent possible, to do the job for the people who need it."

Simultaneously with the action at the CBC headquarters, the homes of five people associated with the club were also raided and searched, including those of CBC Director Beth Moore and CBC founder Dennis Peron. Some 100 officers, many carrying automatic weapons and wearing body armor and rubber gloves, took part in the raids. At one site, police seized a Chinese maple tree believed to be a marijuana plant. All those detained were released, some after several hours of questioning; no arrests were made.

Vic Hernandez, a medical advisor for the CBC who was staying at Peron's residence, said he was rousted nude from his bed at gunpoint, handcuffed, and interrogated for three hours. When Hernandez asked to see a search warrant, he was allegedly asked, "What are you, an attorney?"

The police also questioned several men

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Angry CBC supporters
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from 18th and Castro
to the group's
headquarters on
Market Street to
protest the raid
earlier that day.

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Fourth Rep forced out

by Bob Roehr

Congressman Jim Kolbe (R-Arizona) acknowledged that he is gay in a statement issued Friday, August 1. That action was prompted in part by a "Call to Conscience" advertisement directed at closeted members of Congress over their votes on the Defense of Marriage Act (DoMA), which appeared in the July 26 *Washington Blade*, and a July 27 "outing" of Kolbe by Kurt Wolfe on WBAL radio in New York.

In the statement, Kolbe defended his vote for DoMA, saying, "If the citizens of Hawaii believe it to be in their public interest to permit same-sex marriage, they should be permitted to do so. By the same token, other states — as Arizona has done — should be allowed to define marriage differently, and not be required to accept the de-

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Jim Kolbe

Gay cop at center of pot club raid

by Cynthia Laird

Sources have informed the *Bay Area Reporter* that openly gay San Francisco police officer Joe Bannon was the investigating officer associated with the Sunday, August 4 raid on the Cannabis Buyers Club (CBC) by the state Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement.

Additionally, Steve Telliano, press secretary for the state Attorney General's Office that oversees the Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement, told the *B.A.R.* that the state investigation started in May and that San Francisco police have always been involved in the Buyers Club investigation.

"We worked with San Francisco police all the way through this," Telliano said. "They started it. Our role started at the end of May."

Initially, Telliano told reporters that the role of local police was only to provide traffic control during the raid.

The Buyers Club sells marijuana for medical use by people with AIDS and other life-threatening illnesses. A San Francisco judge ordered the club shut down on Monday.

Captain Greg Corrales, the commanding officer of the police department's nar-

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Officer Joseph Bannon.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Terrific trio



JANE PHILLIPS CHILAND

The Stop AIDS Project held its annual Sam Puckett Awards Dinner at Greens at Fort Mason on Sunday, Aug. 4. Award winners that evening were (l to r) Jerry Turner, Chuck Frutchey and Tom Coates, Ph.D. Frutchey, who was the recipient of the special Board of Directors Award, had the double honor of that award being renamed for him.

Prostitution task force report calls for decriminalization

Any law change would be long time coming

by Cynthia Laird

The city's Task Force on Prostitution released its final report Thursday, August 1 amid criticism from some about its long term objective of decriminalizing the "world's oldest profession." Supervisor Tom Ammiano and task force member Judith Cohen stressed, however, that any move to make prostitution legal would be a long time coming.

"Most of these recommendations addressed are a very long-term process," Ammiano said. "Part of that is a recommendation to decriminalize prostitution—but before that, certain other goals would have to be in place."

Members of the task force, who held a press conference last week to release the 50-page report, defended its recommendations against charges from some that the 28-member body was stacked with people who favored decriminalization of prostitution.

"This has given people in the sex industry a voice," retorted task force member and supervisor candidate Margo St. James. "If we were having a conference on racism, would we exclude people of color?"

The task force began studying the issue a year and a half ago at the request of District Attorney Terence Hallinan, who was then a supervisor. Members came from a variety of backgrounds, and represented sex workers, civil rights, law enforcement, public health, and neighborhood advocacy organizations.

Six members representing neighborhoods and businesses quit the task force in 1995.

Cohen, the task force member who chaired last week's news conference, acknowledged that developing the final report was a difficult process.

"There were 28 of us," said Cohen, who works at the University of California, San Francisco. "We worked very hard and had a lot of disagreement."



Task force members (l to r) Vic St. Blaise, Gloria Lockett and Carol Leigh at last week's press conference.

People, not criminals

Among its findings, the report calls for:

- abolishing all laws specifically related to prostitution;
- directing police to vigorously pursue crimes committed against prostitutes;
- increasing funding for shelter and substance abuse programs; and
- transferring licensing authority for massage parlors from the police department's vice division to other city agencies.

Ammiano said he found the recommendations to be "a very worthy goal" that would treat people in the sex industry "as people, not as criminals."

Last week, task force members hailed the report as a major development.

"This is the first time a report has been issued to a local government, it's a breakthrough," said Rachel West of U.S. Prostitutes Collective.

She added that the issue of police harassment against sex workers was also addressed in the report.

Gloria Lockett, executive director of the Oakland-based AIDS/drug abuse education and prevention agency Cal-Pep, said

she's a former prostitute who's been arrested "many times" in San Francisco and added "it's totally unfair" how people from the streets are treated when they're arrested.

Lieutenant Joe Dutto, who heads the police department's vice crimes division, served in an advisory capacity to the task force. Last week he said he doesn't agree that decriminalization will solve all the problems related to prostitution.

St. James told the news conference that 90 to 95 percent of police officers favor decriminalization because they see it as unenforceable.

Male sex workers, too

Vic St. Blaise, a male sex worker, said he was glad to have served on the task force.

"It shows a different face to sex workers," St. Blaise said. "I don't see many people being harmed by prostitution, except prostitutes."

Father River Sims, a former sex worker who now does outreach in the Polk Street area, maintained police don't see prostitutes as human beings.

"I hope the report will do something about that," Sims said. "I'd rather see tax dollars fighting crime." ▼

'I love him to death, but ...'

Concord murder-for-hire doc fingered in two more attempts

by Dennis Conkin

Dr. Gary A. Parkison, the gay Concord doctor who was arrested in June for allegedly masterminding a bizarre murder-for-hire plot, has since tried to have two people killed from his Martinez Detention Center jail cell, authorities said last week.

Contra Costa County prosecutors charged Parkison with three additional counts of solicitation for murder Wednesday, July 31, after they discovered he had solicited the murder of a material witness in the case against him, according to Deputy Contra Costa County District Attorney Larry Barnes, and for allegedly trying to arrange the murder of his ex-boyfriend—again.

A friend who was caring for Parkison's residence and dogs notified authorities that he had asked her, and a friend of her son's, to carry out the killings.

Parkison was in custody at the time, on charges that he paid an undercover Concord detective \$5,000 to kill his ex-lover, Jim Swan. He faces a potential life sentence on those charges, plus an additional 27 years if convicted on the additional charges.

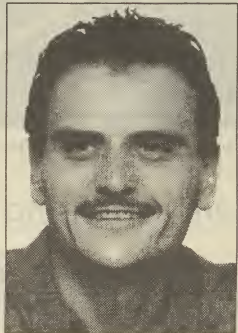
Painful

In an exclusive interview with the *Bay Area Reporter*, the friend said that she loved the gay primary care physician "very much," but had no choice but to turn him in.

"It's been very painful. I love Dr. Parkison. I love him to death. But he knew better than to ask me. I had to tell the police," she said.

"I just had to."

The woman, who asked that her identity be withheld, told the *Bay Area Reporter* that Parkison had asked her son's friend and herself, both in a letter and in



Dr. Gary A. Parkison

phone calls from jail, for assistance in killing massage therapist Vickie Ramsey. She also said Parkison told her son's friend in jail-house phone calls that he still wanted to "get rid of" Swan.

Ramsey is a material witness in the case because she contacted authorities earlier this year about Parkison's initial threats against Swan, and her complaint led to the charges filed against him.

According to lead arson investigator Dave Valentine of the Contra Costa Fire District, Parkison discussed various methods of murder in the ten days before the woman contacted police, including the possibility of a car bomb.

"She is just a very honest woman. Her problem was that she felt she was basically being forced to lie and that bothered her," Valentine said.

Intent

Parkison and accomplice Michael Merrill were arrested on the murder-for-hire charges in the parking lot of a Concord shopping mall in June, moments after police videotaped Parkison being shown a faked photo of

Swan's supposedly strangled corpse, and then paying an undercover Concord detective the second of two \$2,500 payments for Swan's death.

Swan cooperated with police in arranging the faked photograph, and investigators say police gave Parkison several chances to back out of the alleged solicitation-for-murder but said he was intent on having Swan murdered.

Parkison ordered the hit, according to investigators, for almost half a million dollars in life insurance proceeds, and because he was afraid Swan would link him to an arson fire in a Concord area office complex.

Barnes and Parkison's attorney Daniel Cook, a lawyer with the county Public Defender's office, declined to comment on the case. No trial date has been set.

Parkison, who told the *Bay Area Reporter* in an exclusive interview that he suffers from AIDS, is in a medical section of the Martinez Detention Center. His recreational phone privileges have been restricted since the amended complaint. ▼

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Gay cop

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cotics division, has said that one city police officer was involved in the investigation of the CBC. However, Corrales said that while he was aware of the investigation, he did not know of the details.

Local officials said this week that they were unaware of the investigation of the CBC.

"I did get calls from the police officers' association that they had nothing to do with it," Supervisor Tom Ammiano told the B.A.R., adding that the state decided to go ahead with the raid after federal officials "jumped ship."

According to reports, the federal Drug Enforcement Administration was contacted and turned the matter over to the state Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement after the city and U.S. Department of Justice declined to intervene.

Ammiano and District Attorney Terence Hallinan said the investigation into the CBC started

a couple of years ago when then-Police Chief Anthony Ribera went around former District Attorney Arlo Smith—who, like Hallinan, gave low priority to prosecuting medical marijuana cases.

David Millstein, Chief Assistant District Attorney, responded to questions at a Monday, August 5 news conference about local law enforcement's involvement in the raid. Hallinan said that Police Chief Fred Lau was not informed of the raid until about 7 a.m. Sunday, and repeated the claim that local police were used only to control traffic.

However, Millstein was asked about the involvement of Corrales in the investigation.

"If any law enforcement officer were involved without the knowledge of the Chief of Police, or the chief law enforcement officer, or the Mayor, I'd think that's something that could be very serious," Millstein said at the news conference.

Bannon and Corrales have taken time off since the raid, and were unavailable for comments. ▼

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Statewide gay anti-smoking summit soon

Deadline nears for anti-smoking grants targeting gay Asians

by Rene M. Astudillo

The American tobacco industry has taken the heat in the media and in Congress for allegedly engaging in decades of manipulating the nicotine levels of their products, of concealing the dangers of smoking, and of deliberately targeting minors in its promotional and advertising strategies.

Although given lesser media attention, there has also been a growing concern that tobacco companies have exerted pro-tobacco influences in the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender communities. Cigarette ads specifically targeted at members of these communities have increasingly appeared in gay publications and on billboards in predominantly gay neighborhoods. Community leaders also say that tobacco companies court queer patronage for their products indirectly, through sponsorship of community events, including AIDS programs and fundraisers.

The San Francisco-based Asian & Pacific Islander Tobacco Education Network is trying to counter the cigarette marketing to the community. APITEN has announced it will provide mini-grants of up to \$5,000 to fund tobacco prevention projects target-

ing API gays and lesbians. Projects being sought include those that promote tobacco prevention and counteract pro-tobacco influences or advertising among community members. Grant application deadlines are August 15 and October 15, 1996.

Also, in what is considered to be the first of its kind in California and perhaps in the nation, a conference to discuss the prevention of tobacco and alcohol problems in the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender communities is being planned for the fall in San Francisco.

The conference is spearheaded by the Coalition of Lavender-Americans on Smoking and Health (CLASH), an organization of tobacco control advocates promoting awareness of tobacco-related problems within the LGBT community. Together with the Pacific Research and Training Alliance (PRTA) and Stepping Stone of San Diego, CLASH has been awarded a federal grant from the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSEP) to convene the statewide conference at The Clarion Hotel on October 3 and 4, 1996. PRTA is an agency providing custom quality training to promote availability and accessibility of alcohol and drug services to the gay community and disabled persons. Stepping Stone provides LGBT-specific

prevention and alcohol treatment services.

"This is the first time, to our knowledge, that the federal government has recognized the need for a forum for members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community to discuss ways to prevent the tobacco and alcohol problem," said Len Casey, CLASH president. "We are excited about this opportunity and plan to hold a diverse and dynamic conference." According to Casey, research indicates that smoking rates are higher in the LGBT community than in the general population. The conference hopes to explore strategies that can best address the high smoking prevalence, as well as the prevention needs of the LGBT community.

The theme of the conference, "Alive with Pleasure," is a take-off of an ad put out by a major tobacco company. Leaders in health, social sciences, public health, tobacco and alcohol prevention, HIV/AIDS public policy, media advocacy, and community advocacy are expected to attend. ▼

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COMMUNITY NEWS

'ACT UP/SF' seizes Davies Emergency Room

Three usual suspects arrested

by Dennis Conkin

Three ACT UP/San Francisco members were arrested Friday, August 2 at Davies Medical Center, after ten members of the controversial AIDS activist group defiantly arrived to hold a monthly meeting that Davies officials had already canceled.

Michael Bellefountaine, Todd Swindell, and Dave Pasquarelli were arrested for trespassing at the medical center after they seized its emergency room to use as an impromptu site for a DNCB Treatment and Support Group, and were ordered to leave.

"At about 8 p.m., ten members of ACT UP [San Francisco] did arrive and attempt to gain entry into the North Tower," said DMC president Greg Monardo. "When asked to leave, they shoved a guard and a police officer."

The activists said they were protesting the abrupt termination of their contract with Davies to use its Gazebo Room, a meeting space reserved for HIV-positive community groups and patients.

"We had earlier informed ACT UP/San Francisco that they would no longer have the use of our Gazebo for meetings. Their vio-

lent protest last night was in retaliation for denying them future use of the Gazebo," Monardo said.

Members of the activist group were in a widely publicized brawl with other AIDS activists and their supporters at Davies in March, when they disrupted a panel presentation on AIDS drug treatments AIDS physicians were giving at the site.

"They criticize our direct action disruptions of other forums by saying, 'Hold your own meetings,' then subsequently deny us the ability to do so," said ACT UP/San Francisco activist Medea Lopez. "This is war."

Harassment and abuse

Davies Medical Center took the action, according to Monardo, because "for several weeks now" members of the facility's staff have been subjected to verbal harassment and abuse.

Monardo added that although other groups are welcome to use the medical center's facilities, ACT UP/SF isn't.

"We do not now and will not in the future have a relationship with ACT UP/San Francisco," he said.

The incident is the latest controversy surrounding the direct

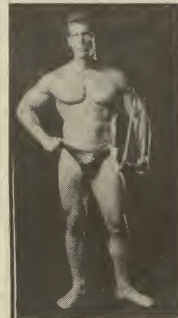
action tactics of the group, which opposes anti-retroviral therapies like AZT and touts the topical use of the photo chemical DNCB as a non-toxic immune response booster.

Most recently, during the International AIDS Conference in Vancouver, members threw blood on physicians at a panel, and Bellefountaine got into a public fist fight with another AIDS activist. Several other ACT UP chapters, including ACT UP/DC, ACT UP/New York, and ACT UP/Golden Gate, have distanced themselves from the group and have questioned its right to use the ACT UP name.

Earlier this year, after the March incident at Davies, Project Inform Executive Director Ben Carlson organized an invitation-only - but poorly attended - meeting of police and prosecutorial, local government, civic, and gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender community leaders to discuss the group and its tactics.

Citing constitutional and ethical issues about the closed meeting - at which working reporters were specifically banned, and members of ACT UP/San Francisco were not invited to speak - the Bay Area Reporter declined to participate. ▼

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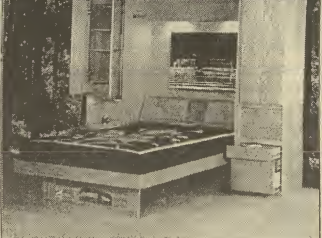
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OPEN FORUM

Lungren blows smoke

Rarely are clichés so perfectly illustrated as by Attorney General Dan Lungren and his raid of the San Francisco Cannabis Buyers Club this week. Lungren turned his back on the serious drug problems of our time — methamphetamines, for instance, and heroin — to focus on a club that sells joints and brownies to sick people. That is the perfect illustration of the banality of evil.

Lungren has a long history of such atrocities: just before the president's AIDS commission came to town he announced that his office would shut down needle exchange programs that reduce the spread of HIV in the state. Despite overwhelming evidence that those programs cut the AIDS rate without raising the addiction rate, he has sporadically followed through on that threat. It has become increasingly evident he is unable to restrain his galloping megalomania and misguided sense of morality, even when they are at odds with common sense and life-and-death issues of compassion.

Marijuana is a subject more frequently spoken about than studied, and after 60 years of its prohibition there is still precious little that can be stated unequivocally about its medical properties. That is particularly true in this country, where anything that supports its medical use is suppressed, denied, mocked, and dismissed as biased by the nation's vast drug confiscation industry. (The same is true of the needle exchange studies, of course.) All of which makes it possible for the terrible, unworkable, criminal-ridden status quo to continue — the medicine is denied to the sick; the illegal black market flourishes; the job security of Lungren and other latter-day Eliot Nesses is assured; the dependence upon pharmaceutical substitutes escalates; money changes hands, profits are made on the suffering of the unfortunate patients, and all except the sick and dying seem satisfied.

Well, it's time for it to change.

One of Lungren's complaints about the club, we hear, was that its procedures were too lax, and the grass wasn't being dispensed with rigorous pharmacy-like controls. However, the ballot measure that would allow more conventional pharmacies to stock medical cannabis — Proposition 215 — is also opposed tooth-and-nail

by Lungren and his allies. They cannot have it both ways. But they try.

The needs of people with AIDS and cancer may be beyond the comprehension of the state attorney general, but not that of the average Californian, fortunately. The most recent polls on Proposition 215 show voters support the concept by a margin of nearly three to one. The raiding of the CBC is not about to change those minds, which raises the question of what Lungren stands to gain by his action.

Obviously he must know it will endear him to many of the reactionaries now en route to the Republican convention in San Diego ... and there is the matter of that vice-presidential nomination. We hear Lungren's name slid off Dole's short list of possible running mates some time ago, and this could be his last-ditch effort to slide back on.

If that's the case, we can probably expect a no-holds-barred battle ahead. Lungren stoops to conquer, so watch for his almost inevitable introduction of family values into this debate. Already the media have picked up references to "teenage

boys" and shown video footage of children at the club, all carefully engineered to make some people overly suspicious and judgmental. But it's a non-issue at worst, and an embarrassment to the state's health policies at best: the reason for the teenage boys there is that *teens have AIDS, in ever-increasing numbers!* If that's a surprise to Lungren it only shows how out of touch his is.

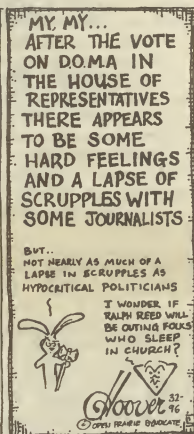
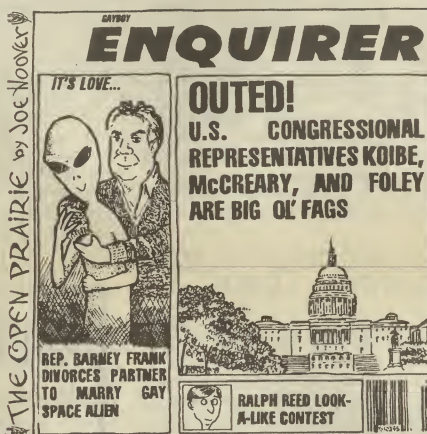
And *mothers of kids have AIDS*. Lots and lots and lots of them. And we live in a country where adequate daycare is not provided for women who work to support their families, so it's not altogether surprising that there are no facilities in place for women with AIDS who have had to pick up their medicine at the Buyers Club.

Any further discussion of whether toddlers belong there is ridiculous. Again, if people want the environment to be more like Walgreen's, they can — and should — vote for Proposition 215.

In any case, we would like to see everyone on all sides stop treating PWAs like pawns, and return to the quiet, necessary, business of getting medical marijuana into the hands of the patients who need it. ▼



Editorial

Test two aspirin and call me in the morning
Strike out on AIDS research

by Howard S. Armistead

Research on a drug that could offer effective treatment and a margin of hope to millions world-wide with HIV has been botched. This drug is cheap, and it's probably in your medicine cabinet. It is a well known immunomodulator. It is aspirin.

In 1991, Search Alliance, a community based research group in Los Angeles announced it would study the effects of aspirin against HIV. Over a dozen physicians signed on to conduct a trial of one aspirin (325mg.) every other day in 600 test subjects. In the end, not a single subject was enrolled, and the study was placed on the floor to gather dust. The designers of the protocol never consulted the AIDS research activist who originally suggested the study for his input. Thus a significantly flawed protocol ended with no study results and no scientific conclusions.

Strike one.

In 1992, the Community Research Initiative on AIDS (CRIA) in New York announced a study of four grams of aspirin (12 tablets) per day. Designed to study 50 participants, only seven were enrolled; four in the placebo arm, three in the aspirin arm. After eight weeks on this high dose of aspirin those on aspirin showed a 25% reduction in viral load, and those on placebo experienced an 85% increase in viral load.

Thus, after less than two months, those on aspirin demonstrated a 60% change for the better compared with those on placebo. Despite the dramatic difference in the results of the two study arms, this fascinating trial was abruptly canceled, well short of its announced length.

Press reports in POZ magazine and elsewhere stated that this CRIA study had been canceled due to negative side effects. These unnamed side effects were not specifically explained in press accounts. Amazingly, the 60% improved change in viral load of the aspirin arm compared to the placebo arm was not reported at all.

I won't call this a cover-up. I'll just label it strike two.

As a result of the incomplete reporting of the CRIA trial results, the usually reliable source for such information, Project Inform, passed on this misreported information to others in their publications. As professional as the people at Project Inform usually are, it seems odd that when provided with information about the side effects of this interesting trial, they completely forgot to inquire about the "direct effects" that the protocol was designed to determine. Thus misinformed, people nationwide repeated the distorted results of this trial as truth.

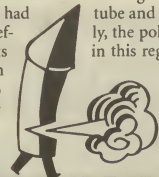
Strike three.

After five years of what can only be de-

scribed as incompetence in "community based research" in the study of aspirin and HIV disease, it is time for those who honestly care about finding a way to live longer with this disease to demand that the state and federal governments take action to test a drug that has shown effectiveness in reducing HIV production both in the test tube and in the human body. Unfortunately, the political leadership seems as lacking in this regard as the AIDS research leadership has been. Contrary institutional interests present too great an impediment to ever recognize that a penny pill, which for decades has been successfully used to treat autoimmune diseases such as arthritis, might be tested against another immune disease, HIV.

Honest research studies are needed to define the parameters of the effect of what should be a safe and effective dose of aspirin in HIV disease; that is, one to two grams per day. (PWAs with low platelet count should not take aspirin; they should try trilisate, a silicate drug very similar to aspirin that does not inhibit platelet aggregation.)

As those still living with HIV wait for white knights in lab coats to provide us with a cure, unfortunately the ball game is over for so many who unknowingly waited patiently for research that should have been conducted, but never was. ▼



Guest Opinion

LETTERS

Hassle-free nudity

Why the prohibition of nudity at the Dore and Folsom street fairs?

At least 38 people ran or walked naked in this year's Bay to Breakers race. None of them were hassled by the police. (They were even celebrated in the *Examiner* coverage.) A few people left their shorts off at the Footstock celebration after the race. They weren't hassled either. One nude man walked the length of Golden Gate Park after the celebration. He wasn't bothered by police.

Several people went nude in this year's Pride Parade and at the fair at the Embarcadero; some even skinny-dipped in the Vaillancourt Fountain. None of them were hassled.

Is it only illegal to go naked south of Market? Or do the police feel free to harass nudists at the Dore and Folsom fairs because they're out of the public eye? If that's the case, maybe the fairs should be moved to Market Street or Golden Gate Park!

Jim Gordon
San Francisco

Oral sex position

We are grateful for the mention of our organization's position statement on male/male oral-genital sex in I.A. Kisselman's July 25, 1996 article on oral sex. Unfortunately, our position was inadvertently mischaracterized in the article.

Specifically, we are concerned about your statement that "the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association released a statement that oral sex is 'safe'." Our position has never been that oral sex is "safe." Instead, we state that "the risk of HIV transmission in oral-genital sex between men has not yet been fully clarified or quantified. Most studies have not found a statistically identifiable risk, yet apparently documented cases have been reported in the literature. Unprotected oral-genital sex (fellatio) should be considered a low risk (not a zero risk) practice for HIV transmission."

Sexual expression is profoundly important. Our goal is to reduce risk overall — i.e., harm reduction. With this goal in mind, the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association asserts the following position:

- Unprotected oral genital sex (fellatio) should be considered a low risk (not a zero risk) practice for HIV transmission. This risk may be further reduced by avoiding ejaculation in the mouth, and/or by using a condom.

- Prevention education and counseling for gay men should focus explicitly on the primary route of HIV transmission, i.e., unprotected receptive anal intercourse (and to a lesser degree, unprotected insertive anal intercourse). Education that equivocates about the type of sex being discussed is confusing and potentially harmful because it implies that oral sex is equivalent in risk to anal sex. Pressing for a precaution which many find unacceptable, namely condom use during oral sex, may also be counterproductive.

- All discussions regarding the risk of oral sex should include the clarification that it is in an entirely different risk category from unprotected receptive anal intercourse.

- Any discussion of risk should affirm that each individual himself needs to balance his sexual behavior so as to maximize fulfillment and minimize risk. Prevention education must consistently acknowledge and affirm the essential human importance of sexual intimacy for gay men. We must help men develop views that reflect their personal values about how to achieve that balance of risk and benefit.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to clarify our position.

Benjamin Schatz, JD
Executive Director
Gay and Lesbian Medical Association

Cities need investment

Do San Francisco voters know what percentage of the annual taxes paid by a mid-sized San Francisco business goes to support our city? A 1992 study estimated the percentage of local taxes at 6.3% of the entire tax bill for a local firm of average size. In 1992 this firm paid the federal government 72.3% of all taxes, and 21.4% went to the state. Current tax allocations are probably similar. It is not surprising that public services in San Francisco are lamentably underfunded and that droves of the homeless and unemployed wander on our streets.

Why does no citizen dare to complain about the federal war budget run by our over-extended Pentagon? Where is the enemy that warrants the continuing, unending U.S. military build-up?

Major U.S. cities cry out for public investment in housing, medical care and education. We need our peace dividend NOW.

Mrs. Constance E. Kuruppu
San Francisco

Don't CCRI for me, Beth Elliott

I'm glad to read that columnist Beth Elliott is planning to vote against the so called "California Civil Rights Initiative" ("CCRI"). She's correct in thinking that the CCRI would legitimize gender-based discrimination in employment. But I must disagree with the rest of her column.

In criticizing the article I wrote for the Pride Day program, Elliott disputes the idea that the fate of affirmative action has a direct impact on the fate of Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender civil rights. Elliott claims to believe that corporate America's interest in diversity (motivated by the bottom line?) will override the possibility of discrimination and that "corporations seek out the best and brightest regardless of ... sexual orientation." I'm not sure where Beth Elliott has been, but if sexual orientation isn't a factor in hiring, then why is my phone ringing off the hook with people asking the Human Rights Commission to help combat discrimination they have suffered?

By creating workplace and academic diversity, affirmative action has made it possible to add sexual orientation to many anti-discrimination policies, to establish domestic partners benefits, and to allow LGBT people to be out on the job and to form student and employee groups that advocate for our rights. In addition, affirmative action helps the many women and people of color who are LGBT by addressing the race and gender discrimination they face. If there is no connection between affirmative action and LGBT civil rights, why are the same people who financially backed Colorado's anti-gay Amendment 2 major contributors to the CCRI campaign? And why are the same "special rights" arguments being used to oppose both LGBT civil rights and affirmative action?

Elliott claims to "know for a fact that qualified women and minorities (sic) ... have an equal opportunity to get ... jobs and college admissions." If Elliott's right about the existence of equal opportunity, then why do white men hold over 95% of senior management positions when they comprise only 43% of the workforce? Why do women high school graduates earn less than men who are high school drop-outs? And why are twice as many students admitted to UC because their parents are alumni than because of affirmative action programs?

If we're going to keep the rights we've won and succeed in our struggle to gain equality, we need affirmative action to help make it happen.

Cynthia G. Goldstein
San Francisco Human Rights Commission

Helping Hand

On Thursday, July 18, Project Open Hand went to the San Francisco Planning Commission to ask for a conditional use permit to build a kitchen at 730 Polk Street that has the capability of making over 1,400 meals everyday for people living with symptomatic HIV and AIDS. City zoning laws required Project Open Hand get a conditional use permit to expand the square footage of the kitchen. With the incredible support of San Franciscans, Project Open Hand was granted the permit. We can now proceed on renovating our new building and consolidate all of our services, including our Food Bank into this one location accessible to so many of the people we serve.

A huge thanks to the over 2,000 people who demonstrated their support for Project Open Hand by mailing letters, postcards and signing petitions which were presented to the Planning Commission. Thanks to Supervisor Barbara Kaufman and Supervisor Leslie Katz, who rallied behind Project Open Hand. Planning Commissioner Susan Lowenberg stepped out of protocol to acknowledge Project Open Hand founder Ruth Brinker, who brought the house down with her moving appeal to the Commission.

A very special thanks to the community based groups and businesses who supported our cause, including Polk District Merchants Association, Acorn Books, California Pacific Medical Center, EOC Head Start, Bank of California, SF AIDS Foundation, SF Food Bank, Brothers Network, SF Food Net, Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Corporation, Continuum, Northern California Presbyterian Homes and Tenderloin AIDS Resource Center.

I was personally moved by the incredible support Project Open Hand received from the community. Supervisor Kaufman remarked on what a tremendous asset Project Open Hand is to the Bay Area. I must say the real assets are the over 2,000 people who demonstrated their support, our 1,700 active volunteers, and the 52,000 supporters who help Project Open Hand provide meals with love for 3,200 men, women and children living with symptomatic HIV and AIDS.

To all of you, a very heartfelt thanks.

Tom Nolan
Executive Director
Project Open Hand

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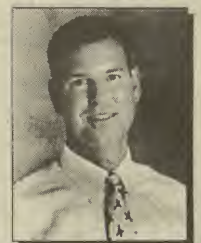
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LETTERS

Queen v. Stud

Thanks to Daniel Harris for his peek into the history of men's underwear (Loved the photos!). But where Harris sees a retreat from gay styles and a trend toward assimilation, I see something different: the ascendancy of the Stud archetype in gay culture and his breakthrough into the mainstream.

Gay male culture has always been ruled by two opposing archetypes – the Queen, who survives and thrives on artistry, and the Stud, whose god-given beauty is all he needs. The Stud will be comfortable in loose, artless underwear because his body is its own unlimited source of sexual power. His manhood requires no support, neither in the psychological sense nor in the aesthetic sense; he doesn't need line or color to direct or distract the eye. He can wear anything or nothing.

The Queen, on the other hand, can't help but use every available aesthetic device to supplement his beauty. Hence the multifariousness of elastic inventions Harris catalogs. Of course, none of us is all Queen or all Stud. But over three decades we've seen a slight increase in the potency of the Stud as a self image.

The Stud is different from heterosexual archetypes, whose manhood is grounded, not in their beauty, but in things like social power, loyalty, or the power to attract sexual objects. That's why the Stud is radical. His discovery by Calvin Klein as a marketing tool started the revolution Harris describes. His big success in the marketplace is not a sign of gay assimilation, but of gay cultural power.

Rob Costin
San Francisco

This drivel is real

I am writing because I take issue with "columnist" Pithy Galore's characterization of the NY production of Mart Crowley's ground-breaking play, *The Boys in the Band*, as: "The Drivel That Would Not Die" (June 27). Excuse me! Since when are issues such as alcohol and drug abuse, internalized homophobia, and religious conflicts, to name a few, considered 'drivel'?

I have just re-read Chad Jones's review of a hot new play in "gay" theater, *Party*, also in the June 27 issue. I'll say up front that I have not seen *Party*, based partially on Mr. Jones's review. Throughout the review he sprinkles phrases such as "The facts you will glean are not new," "There really isn't any plot to *Party*," and "Though we see every bit of each of them, we still have no idea who they are." There's obviously an audience for this type of show, I just don't happen to be a member. If I want naked men and no plot, I'll put in a videotape or go to an establishment that specializes in that type of entertainment.

As a gay theater patron, I have to ask: Haven't we explored our sexuality in public enough? I mean really, the nudity thing has been done to death, lately! As a gay actor, I applaud all efforts within our community by writers, directors, and other actors in making gays and lesbians more visible, and I'd love to be a part of it; however, I want to keep my clothes on and with the new material coming out, the chance of that happening seems to be disappearing.

The Boys in the Band is a look at the darker side in all gay men. When Crowley wrote the play in 1968, he wrote what he saw. How many of us, if we were to be really honest with ourselves, haven't known – still know – an Emory. In our quest for "the one," how often do we find ourselves in situations like Larry & Hank, the couple struggling with intimacy and boundary issues? How many of us, at one time or another, haven't had Michael's feeling as described by Harold of a homosexual who doesn't want to be one?

True, *Boys* is melodramatic, and Emory's racist humor towards Bernard, the African-American character, doesn't play well in the politically correct '90s, but it's accepted and explained by Bernard. It's an integral part of the relationship between the two characters, who exit with a drunk Emory helping a drunker Bernard home. There is a moment that passes between them and we know that these two characters have an incredibly deep bond of friendship. They are a glimpse of what is best in all of us.

Boys in the Band was one of, if not the, first piece of entertainment released to middle America that was built around and examined the lives and interactions between gay men. Crowley's characters are not so much stereotypes as they are archetypes of what we were, and what we still are, beneath the causes and crusades and activism. Michael's line, "If we could just learn not to hate ourselves quite so very much, is as true today as it was in 1968."

Ms. Galore, this "drivel" is real. I wish that you and those that share your opinion would look at the teen suicide rate to see how real it is.

Boys in the Band is not pretty, but it never sacrifices its characters for jokes, and vice versa. The themes of this play are the historic foundations from which we have moved on. This play is our past, and it's time we made peace with it.

Layne Sanders
Oakland

Personal glossary

I'd like to make a suggestion on improving your personal ad section. Do you think that it is possible to include a glossary or a table explaining the commonly-used abbreviations found in your personal ad section? I love your publication, but find it occasionally frustrating to read ads that use abbreviations that cannot be found in Webster's or in the collective experiences of a household of Castro Queens. I'm certain such a list of abbreviations and their meanings would prove useful to both the readers and writers that use the personal ad service.

Nathan C. Knight
San Francisco

[Frankly, we were a little clearer on the subject ourselves until we read the letter to the left and realized we didn't know the notations for either "Queen" or "Stud." When we don't understand an ad we turn to the nearest attractive stranger, point to the abbreviation in question, and say, "Excuse me, do you know what this means?" as enthusiastically as possible.]

Lousy, manipulative, childish, shameful...

I think you are lousy reporters on the issue of animal research. I expect my gay paper to report all sides of the issue and to show all the arguments. I dislike it very much when the B.A.R. has to give a final word after every single article that favors the animals' rights. I call that manipulation. I find that childish in a journalists' respect. But it becomes shameful when you are not telling the truth. Where I was standing in the parade, the "Gays and Friends for Animal Rights" contingent received a warm positive response from the crowd. You are ugly if you are not using the media you control well.

Andrew Van Buren
San Francisco

[Fundies complain that we don't present all sides of the story, when they try to take away our rights, so we're not surprised to get the same complaint from those trying to take away life-saving research. We just reported what we saw: GFAR marching in total silence.]

People are animals, too

On June 27 B.A.R. printed my letter regarding AIDS, polio research, and animal rights. I ended that letter by stating that animal rights activists do not have any less compassion for the suffering of people than we do for other species of animals. The editor, Mike Salinas, then responded by stating, "Keep repeating the last sentence until you believe it. We don't."

While I feel B.A.R. has a right to disagree on the ethical and scientific relevance of animal research, questioning the integrity of myself or other people involved in the animal rights community is absolutely without cause. What does the editor of B.A.R. know about members of the animal rights community?

What I know of animal rights activists is that they are people with a great deal of compassion for animals and people. It is precisely the fact that these folks have great empathy for others' suffering (human or another species of animal) that they become involved in the animal rights movement. Almost all animal activists I know are involved in a variety of human rights causes as well, including women's, children's, minority and gay and lesbian rights.

I personally came to the animal rights movement after working for human rights causes for years. For three years I was president of an active peace and social justice organization. I have also sat on the board of directors of two environmental organizations, and am now currently working for the rights of animals. I have been involved with projects ranging from securing rights for indigenous peoples in Central America, to hunger projects in the U.S. and abroad, to ending Norwegian whaling, to helping rebuild housing in depressed urban areas.

And yes, I have also worked on behalf of people with AIDS. I have been a member of *action AIDS* (Philadelphia) for a number of years, and I organize groups of people to go to the organization's fundraisers. (I also know many other animal advocates that are members of AIDS advocacy organizations, and I always run into countless animal activists at vegetarian restaurant fundraisers for *action AIDS*.) I also support other AIDS organizations who provide assistance directly to people with AIDS and do not promote animal experimentation.

Mr. Salinas's suggestion that I keep repeating my statements about caring for human beings until I believe them shows a true lack of understanding of the motivations and the actions of myself and the animal rights community. I would hope that in the future he takes more time getting to know our community before he decides to condemn it.

Dean Smith
Outreach director, American Anti-Vivisection Society
Jenkintown, PA

[We refer the honorable gentleman to the answer we gave some moments ago.]

POLITICS

Kicking and screaming

by Wayne Friday

It was only a couple of years ago that when asked by a reporter from a national magazine how I felt about "outing" public figures, I responded that I felt those people should be allowed to keep their sexuality a private matter. I've always had a problem with gay activists "outing" others because I felt that decision should be left to the individual.

However, when Representative **Jim Kolbe**, 54, a six-term Republican congressman from Arizona, went public last week with his homosexuality, he did so not as an act of "pride" or courage, but out of necessity. Kolbe knew that the *Advocate* planned to "out" him later this month as a response to his recent vote in favor of a GOP-sponsored measure that seeks to prevent gay marriages.

No, Representative Kolbe doesn't deserve any thanks from the gay and lesbian community for "standing up and being counted on this thing," as the congressman put it. The Arizonan, long known in Washington and home state political circles as a closet gay, just wanted to have his cake and eat it, too: live a semi-open gay lifestyle when

it was convenient, but vote with fellow Republicans against civil rights for homosexuals.

If Congressman Kolbe had any guts, any courage, or hint of pride, he would have stood up and been counted long ago. He chose political expediency instead, as others in Congress are still doing. While some Washington gay activists, mindful of Mr. Kolbe's voting record, give him credit for being a "moderate" Republican, voting against civil rights for gays and lesbians while living a secret homosexual lifestyle himself still makes the man a hypocrite. I applaud the *Advocate* for forcing him out of the closet.

Ironically, Representative Kolbe's Johnny-come-lately admission will probably not hurt his re-election chances in Arizona, where observers say he will most likely easily win a seventh term. Calls of support from colleagues of both parties, district constituents, and family have reportedly streamed into the congressman's office, and Arizona's senior GOP U.S. Senator **John McCain** (supposedly on **Bob Dole's** veep short list) issued a statement declaring that "Jim has always had and will continue to have my full support. ... As his friend I ask all Arizonans to remember that Jim, although he is a public servant, retains the right to some privacy in his personal life." Even Arizona's right-wing Republican Governor **Fife Symington** commented that "Representative Kolbe has served this state well, both in the Legislature and in Congress."

Some national gay leaders, while deploring Kolbe's hypocritical vote on same-sex marriage, saw hope in his being dragged from his political closet. **David Clarenbach**, a former gay state senator from Wisconsin, executive director of the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund until this week, hoped that Kolbe might now "become a source of inspiration for the moderate wing of the Repub-



Oh, Kay! Municipal Court judge candidate Kay Tsenin (left) with Ron Albers, a former opponent who now endorses Tsenin in her runoff race.

lican Party, a person around whom they can rally." Perhaps so. Maybe an easy re-election win for Kolbe in November will give some

hope to those other closeted gay and lesbian members of Congress, who will then come out of their own accord. Let's hope so.

However, Representative **Steve Gunderson**, a Republican from Wisconsin who announced (somewhat reluctantly) last year that he is gay, recently decided against seeking a ninth term because a conservative group planned to make his sexuality an issue in the upcoming campaign. Two Democratic House members - **Barney Frank** and **Gerry Studds**, both of Massachusetts - have long acknowledged being gay. Representative Frank is expected to win re-election this November, while Representative Studds is retiring.

San Diego serenade

By this time next week, Kansas Senator **Bob Dole** (retired) will officially be the GOP nominee against President **Bill Clinton**.

The GOP National Nominating Convention opens Monday, August 12, in San Diego, but the only excitement is over Bob Dole's choice for running mate - a decision that will likely be announced this weekend. The so-called "short list" changes hourly, but the last "reliable" report I got is that the veep list has now narrowed to three: Senator **Connie Mack** of Florida, the aforementioned Senator **John McCain** of Arizona, or former Secretary of Education **William Bennett**. (Too bad, **Dan Lungren**!) Put your money on McCain.

The opening night lineup includes a glossy film on the ailing **Ronald Reagan** (to be followed by a personal appearance by **Nancy**), a speech by General **Colin Powell** (who reportedly really didn't want to do it), and new convention MTV technology that will employ satellite feeds from locations and video clips interspersed with lesser live speakers. Also, to speed up the pace and heighten the visual impact, GOP planners will do away with the usual introductory speakers, and to help create a sense of intimacy, the stage (usually looming high above the floor) will be open and low to the ground.

"The whole point of all this

convention is connectivity," says one convention planner. "It's Bob Dole unplugged."

San Diego Mayor **Susan Golding**, often referred to as a "rising star" of the GOP, says that despite the bombing at the Olympics, she is convinced that security forces already planned will be more than enough to protect the convention center and the estimated 50,000 others attracted to the four-day (August 12-15) affair.

The Dole campaign is now "ready to roll," his staff says, while acknowledging that their efforts up to now have lacked focus and at times verged on the incoherent. Dole campaign chiefs now claim they have in place a blueprint that carries the former Senate majority leader within striking distance of the president, who now holds a double-digit lead in all national polls.

Incidentally, although they deny it at campaign headquarters, state GOP operatives say that the national campaign plans around Labor Day to reassess their commitment to seriously contest the election in California, in light of Clinton's commanding lead here.

Although last week's column had **Ross Perot** courting former Peninsula Representative **Ed Zschau** as his Reform Party running mate, **Dick Lamm** one-upped Perot and asked Zschau first.

San Francisco friends and supporters of North Carolina Senate candidate **Harvey Gantt** (**Jesse Helms's** opponent) are holding a fundraiser breakfast for Gantt (and yes, he will be there) on Friday, August 16, 7:30-9 a.m. Donations of \$35 and up are requested. Call 668-6677 for info.

Look for Random House to publish the life story of gay billionaire entertainment mogul **David Geffen** in a couple of years with *Wall Street Journal* reporter **Thomas King** helping with the book.

Meanwhile, Cable's USA Network will begin production within weeks on *Breaking the Surface: The Greg Louganis Story*, a TV movie based on the gay four-time Olympic gold medal diver's best-selling autobiography. Former *Saved by the Bell* star **Mario Lopez** will play Louganis.

Finally, a reader writes: "Our political and religious leaders are defining marriage as limited to heterosexuals for the purpose of procreating. If this is really the definition, then why aren't they enacting laws to deny spousal benefits (medical insurance, Social Security, etc.) until after the birth of the first child to any couple?" ▼

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Seeing stars

by Beth Elliott

O kay, I stole this from the *Sporting Green's* Tom Fitzgerald, who stole it from Jay Leno: the best part of the Olympics is that you can watch women on TV swimming, playing tennis, and riding horses but not talking about how fresh they feel.

Even cooler is catching the Perseids meteor shower. Thanks to Comet Swift-Tuttle leaving dust and debris in the Earth's path every orbit, we get a really cool light show – about 50 shooting stars per hour – every August 12th to 14th or so. To see them, you need to get yourself out under clear, dark skies – away from city (and suburban) light pollution and preferably at high elevation. This year, the Perseids peak on the night of Monday the 12th (even though a few can be spotted a week on either side) – and that's just before the new moon. Myself, I'm pointing the trusty Space Van in the direction of Mt. Lassen again.

Part of the fun of a good meteor shower is that you can't be goal-oriented, as you would were you going out with a telescope or binoculars. You bring a sleeping bag, and hopefully some kind of reclining camp chair, and lie back for hours, scanning the sky and paying attention to peripheral vision. Let your pupils dilate in the dark, and keep them open by

turns toward the radiant point.

A night under the dark sky has other rewards, too: like the most stars you've seen in a long time, and especially the Milky Way. Part of the fun is watching different objects rise; when the Pleiades come up, you're getting closer to peak viewing.

Early night seems best for spotting satellites. Jupiter is prominent all night this summer – big, white and bright – and Saturn – nice and yellow – rises about 11 p.m. More fun comes from seeing if you can make out the Andromeda Galaxy – closest but for a couple of dwarfs – with the naked eye (or lens). And if you can bear to stop scanning to wield binoculars for a bit, there are other fuzzballs of interest: star clusters in Scorpio and Sagittarius and a double cluster in Perseus. With the monthly star chart from *Astronomy* or *Sky and Telescope*, you could spot Uranus in binocs, too.

Get reacquainted

This is also a great opportunity

Find teapot-shaped Sagittarius; that's the way to galactic central. About 90 degrees to the left is the star Vega – 25 light years out and in the process of forming planets; that's the direction our solar system is heading.

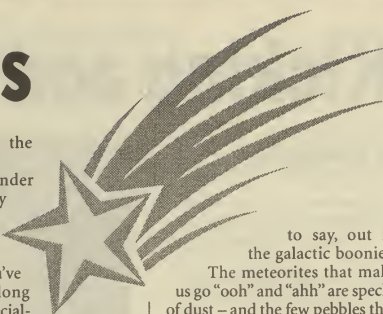
using only red light as needed. If you buy some red balloons and cut off the stems, you'll have handy-dandy red filters for the end of your flashlight.

Most of the meteors will come from a radiant point – in this case, the constellation Perseus – but can streak across about any part of the sky. Best viewing for these is to face northwest and be prepared for northeast to southwest trajectories. They go by quickly, too; if you see nothing while a friend goes "Ooh!", you've probably missed it. Don't worry; more will come along.

The Perseids are most frequent between one and three in the morning, when where you sit

ty to reacquaint yourself with the Milky Way. In conditions of "good seeing," it will have texture. Realize you're looking toward the center of the galaxy, and that the dark bands are dust that obscure the mass of stars behind them. Find teapot-shaped Sagittarius; that's the way to galactic central. About 90 degrees to the left is the star Vega – 25 light years out and in the process of forming planets; that's the direction our solar system is heading.

And this is the information you need to get into a really cool frame of mind. We're on a tiny planet orbiting a very average star two-thirds of the way out from the center of our galaxy – which is



to say, out in the galactic boonies.

The meteorites that make us go "ooh" and "ahh" are specks of dust – and the few pebbles that turn into real flammers – hitting the top of our atmosphere 50 miles up and vaporizing. (Thanks, Bing Quock of the Morrison Planetarium, for tidying up my science facts.) The low-altitude satellites you may spot are one to two hundred miles up. Everything

else past the planets is effing huge and light years away. Yet as tiny and insignificant as we are in this vast panorama, we have the minds and the science to appreciate just how big and old all this is – and the heart to get a big thrill out of vaporizing dust specks. Watching meteor showers is a

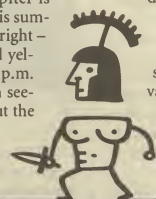
great way to remember just how special you are.

Of course, the proper rudeness can add to the fun. This year, I'll be rendezvousing with my friends Sandi and Jennifer, with whom I went up Mount Hamilton for one August's Perseids when they still lived in the Bay Area, and housemate Eldenath. Jennifer herself was the only person she trusted driving up that narrow, winding road that night, and I was primed for getting really cosmic and in no condition. There were about two dozen folks hanging around the Lick Observatory parking lot talking astronomy talk – a mellow, gentle crowd. Nonetheless, up drove a deputy sheriff to roust us from the parking lot.

Since we'd parked off the road below and were behind the sheriff's truck, Sandi motioned for us to climb over the rim and sit huddled beneath it. We waited and waited for Smokey to split – which he did after one pass down the driveway and back up.

When we saw him headed down the mountain, we climbed back up to sit on the ledge for the show. We congratulated ourselves on being hoopy enough to outwit the deputy, and made rude remarks about rousting those rowdy astronomy types, who were obviously up to no good staring at the sky.

Years later, on an overnight courtesy of a Lick employee, I learned that the road, not real fun in daylight, doesn't deter idiots from driving up to 4,000 feet and drinking in the parking lot. Oops! It's still a great story, and the Perseids are still a great time. ▼



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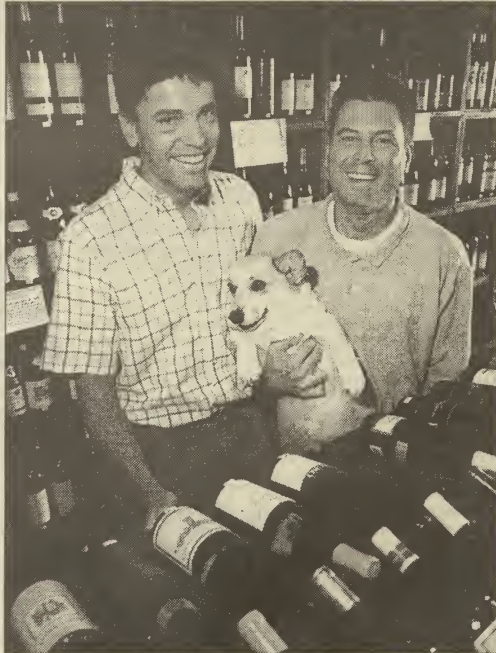
Just when Castro seemed to be succumbing to what some people consider the "chain store massacre," along came Friendly Spirits, a new wine, beer, and liquor shop, to save the day and enhance the neighborhood.

Friendly Spirits is owned by two real gay men, Ken McDonald and David Jessup. It has a canine mascot, Abbie, who holds court in front of the store and welcomes everyone. It has been renovated so that shopping there is a pleasure. Last but not least, it features products designed to delight the palate as well as the pocketbook.

The 572 Castro Street site was formerly the home of Liquor Express, your basic convenience store. Given the location, it still couldn't be more convenient, but these days visitors tend to linger, and enjoy the experience of choosing from an ever-expanding selection of world-class wines and various tasty spirits selected by the owners of the new shop, who combine knowledge with a real zest for what's best.

David and Ken bought the store in February, and have spent the last few months giving it a facelift. "The first thing we did was to remove the fluorescent lighting, which we found very unattractive," Ken says. "It made the products look pretty miserable, and then it made the people look miserable. People want to shop in a place that's soft and inviting."

Now, spotlights against terra cotta walls emphasize the glow of vintages from around the country and the world, brought to you courtesy of two young men whose backgrounds are well suited to their task. David Jessup lived in Florence and Paris, and worked for several hotels and restaurants before starting his own landscape business. Ken McDonald, a native of San Francisco, grew up in the Castro. He has managed restaurants, was a wine representative



Break the chain: Friendly Spirits' David Jessup (left) and Ken McDonald with Abbie.

for Redwood Vintners and Southern Wine & Spirits, and has judged for the San Francisco International Wine Competition.

They have been together for ten years. When asked if they are lovers or friends, Ken answers without hesitation, and with a smile, "both."

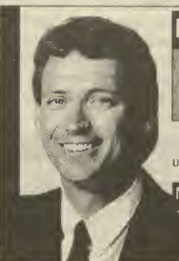
Since moving in, they've had a window broken, and along with their neighbors, endured the recent bomb scare in the Castro. It's obvious, though, that such minor catastrophes haven't dampened their spirits (so to speak), and they're glad to be part of the neighborhood.

"The people immediately around us have just been great,"

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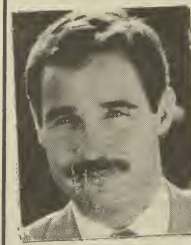
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A "Centennial Olympic Moment" that aired July 29 during prime-time Olympic coverage began, "It has been eight years since Greg Louganis won two gold medals at the Seoul Olympics. Eight years ago, athletes, especially American heroes, didn't talk about being gay [or] testing positive for HIV." Recounting the dramatic story of Louganis's 1988 dive when he hit his head and chose not to disclose his HIV status to the doctor who stitched him, and then went on to win two more gold medals, the feature is unequivocally supportive of Louganis as an Olympic hero and perhaps "the best diver ever."

Ironically, in May NBC Sports passed over Louganis as a commentator for 1996 Olympic diving despite his screen presence, media talents, and expertise. At the time, Alan Klein, communications director of GLAAD, said, "It's a blatant case of NBC pandering to the lowest common denominator. They reacted with fear and bigotry, and are clearly in the wrong." To date, NBC has made no comment.

Let NBC Sports know that the "Centennial Olympic Moment" is an excellent short piece, and that inclusion of lesbian, gay and HIV-positive athletes in their programming serves as a springboard to overcome homophobia and AIDS-phobia in sports media. However, ask them why they did not utilize Greg Louganis in a more active way as Olympic diving commentator, a position so obviously suited to him.

Contact: Ed Markey, Vice President of Sports Information, NBC/Sports Press, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, Room 1470 E, New York NY 10112.

Gay Games founder gets the last word

The July 30 San Francisco Examiner tells the story of author Dick Schaap's *Gay Olympian: The Life and Death of Dr. Tom Waddell* and, in the midst of Olympic fever, reminds its readers that the Olympics have had a checkered past when it comes to lesbian and gay recognition.

When Dr. Tom Waddell, an Olympic decathlete who competed at the 1968 Games, founded the Gay Games and dubbed them the "Gay Olympics," the United States Olympic Committee

(USOC) sued him to prevent the event from using the word "Olympics," even as he was dying from AIDS complications. The USOC demanded \$96,000 in attorneys fees and nearly caused Waddell to lose his home.

But the Gay Games have flourished in Waddell's spirit, and the new book is a testimony to his efforts. As *Examiner* staff writer Cynthia Robins notes, "During these Olympic Games, it's tempting to wish that Tom Waddell had lived long enough to see publication of the book which bears his name and his story."

Thank the *San Francisco Examiner* for an appropriate dedication to a man who understood the real meaning of Olympic champion when the USOC would not.

Contact: Phil Bronstein, Editor, *San Francisco Examiner*, 110 5th Street, San Francisco, California 94111, fax: 415.512.1264, e-mail: sfexaminer@examiner.com

Gunderson is good People

On the eve of the Republican National Convention, *People* magazine has chosen to feature the family life of a prominent Republican — openly gay Congressman Steve Gunderson from Wisconsin. Recounting Gunderson's relationship with "his longtime love and live-in partner" Rob Morris, the article, "Changing Course," explains the challenges the two have faced, from homophobic Representative Robert Dornan (R-CA) "outing" Gunderson on the House floor in 1994 to the more mundane issues of balancing career and family.

Additionally, the article acknowledges the struggle Gunderson faces as a gay Republican, with vocal condemnation both from his own party and the gay community; many feel, as Rep. Barney Frank is quoted, that "he's helping people who are very anti-gay appear a little less nasty."

But the central message, that Gunderson and Morris are a family, is driven home with the accompanying photo of the couple fishing with two of Gunderson's young nephews.

Please write *People* and tell them you like to see affirming, responsible features of gay people and families in its pages and encourage them to do so again.

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10020, fax: 212-552-0794, e-mail: 74774.1513@compuserve.com.

Anti-gay marriage
Arizonan cries wolf

Arizona Republic columnist Marianna Moody Jennings feels she has been the "victim" of harassment, due to a May 26 essay in which she attacked same-sex marriage. In her July 28 column,

Jennings, a conservative ethics professor at Arizona State University, complains that the force with which the gay community and heterosexual people who support same-sex marriage have responded has left her making wild claims of fearing personal harm and damage to her property.

The first essay, a simplistic anti-gay tract, claims that "natural law" opposes same-sex marriage, and goes on to state that "same-sex marriage cannot further the societal goal of ensuring that there is a next generation [because] that union cannot contribute another human being to carry on its name, its traits, or its values." One wonders how the estimated 10 million children with lesbian and gay parents in the United States would feel about her total exclusion of them.

Letters in opposition to her small-minded views poured in, some of which demanded ASU fire her, she says in her second essay. She goes so far as to state that she "needs constitutional protections more than" one gay man whose words were particularly critical (her proof is that the man's letter used the word "homophobe" 17 times). Although no letter Jennings mentions threatens physical violence of any kind, she seems to verge on paranoia as she claims a world that censors her: "I mourned for a world that once respected others' values.... The world has silenced me on the issue of same-sex marriages."

Let Ms. Jennings know that there is a difference between having one's rights repressed and having a group of people oppose one's views, including placing pressure on a public university paid for by taxpayers to dismiss a bigoted professor.

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Caregivers seminar this weekend in Big Sur

SF therapist speaks on avoiding burnout

by Cynthia Laird

A three-day seminar at the Esalen Institute in Big Sur begins this Friday, August 9, to focus caregivers and their need to take care of themselves, including managing an increasing workload, building stress hardiness, and distinguishing between healthy and unhealthy giving.

Dennis Portnoy, a San Francisco psychotherapist who specializes in programs of burnout, stress, and codependency, will teach the seminar.

According to Portnoy, people in caregiving roles, such as those helping people with AIDS, cancer, or other illnesses - either professionally or when someone they know becomes ill - are prone to a range of problems, the most serious of which is burnout. He said the risk of ordinary stress progressing to burnout, with serious health consequences, is higher for those who spend most of their time taking care of other people, because helpers often ignore early warning signs.

Portnoy, who is in private practice, provides both longterm and brief treatment for individuals, couples, and families. He has special expertise in HIV, grief reaction, and addiction, including assessment, relapse prevention, and aftercare.

Portnoy's workshops help clients minimize the negative effects of stress, even if they cannot change the external circumstances causing it.

"Stress management techniques alone are not enough," he emphasized. "First you need to examine what's behind your reaction to stress."

Other topics that will be addressed at this weekend's seminar include being responsible as opposed to feeling responsible; counteracting self-defeating habits associated with the helper role; strengthening and protecting your boundaries, and saying "yes" to your needs.

The workshop offers continuing education credit for nurses.

Self-imposed stress

Often, according to Portnoy, it's not just that people lead stressful lives, but their self-imposed stress that makes their situations so potentially dangerous.

"Family history has a lot to do with it," he said. "Many people are taught as children to put others' needs before their own. If they wind up in a stressful caregiving situation, the old habits lead to self-neglect, and often to burnout."

Once you recognize the obstacles in your path, you can overcome them by challenging outdated beliefs and forming a "committed relationship with yourself," Portnoy explained. This means transferring some of the compassion you feel for others to yourself.

"It sounds simple, but many people do not pay sufficient attention to their own well-being," he said. "We all need human connection, acceptance, solitude, respect, understanding. We need supportive friends, material comfort, leisure time, etc. But most of all, we need to believe that we de-

serve these things, and make a conscious effort to get them."

Portnoy believes it's important to listen to what your body is telling you.

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take time for yourself.

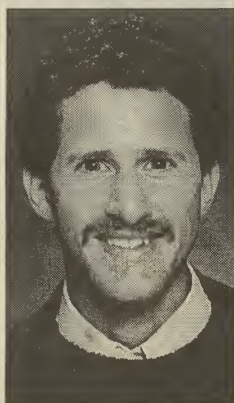
"It is possible, and it's essential to avoid burnout and lead healthy, balanced lives."

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**"You need to examine what's behind your reaction to stress."—
Dennis Portnoy, psychotherapist**

ical sensations will tell us more than mental analysis, if we just stop rushing around long enough to listen. Queasiness in the stomach, shallow breathing - these are some of the body's sirens. They're a kind of internal guidance, warning you to listen up, pull back, and

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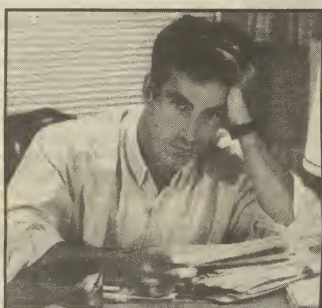
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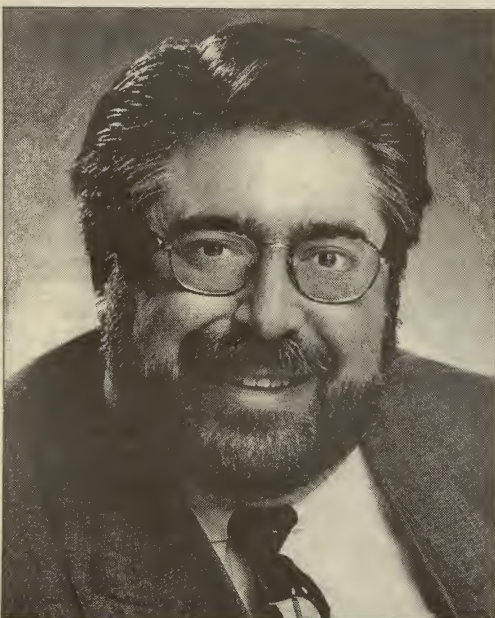
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Jon Davidson: "Palimony contracts can be written, oral or implied in California."

Same-sex couples can't marry – but we can be gay divorcés

by Jim Emerson

How states apply laws to same-sex relationships is strange indeed. Logically, which should come first for same-sex couples? Love and marriage – or love and divorce?

Only in the United States can gays and lesbians – depending on the state where they live – find a way to mimic divorce without first getting married. This whole legal mess will likely worsen if and when the Hawaii Supreme Court rules in favor of same-sex marriage, as anticipated.

Hawaii is creating a constitutional conundrum. The Aloha State will establish a new family law precedent, when it becomes

the first state in the union to legalize same-sex marriage. Mainland states are already in a tizzy about Hawaii moving towards granting marriage rights and obligations to same-sex couples, presently available only to heterosexuals.

Never mind that the Fourth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution requires all states to honor in full faith the laws passed by other states. President Clinton recently signed into law the new federal Defense of Marriage Act, which allows each state to decide whether or not to recognize same-sex marriages legally performed in other states.

At least eight states have moved to ban same-sex marriages, including California, while at least 15 states defeated proposals to defeat proposed same-sex marriage bans, according to Ellen McCormick, legislative advocate for the Sacramento-based LIFE: California Lesbian and Gay AIDS Lobby. California law allows same-sex couples to mimic divorce, but not to get married. Gays and lesbians began winning palimony rights back in 1981, according to Jon Davidson, supervising attor-

ney in Los Angeles at Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, a national gay lobby and public interest law firm.

Equal palimony law protections in California were extended to same-sex spouses in 1981 and 1988, before which they were applied only to unmarried opposite-sex couples, Davidson says.

Two separate rulings made by the California Court of Appeal broadened the interpretation of the landmark *Marvin v. Marvin* palimony decision handed down by the California Supreme Court in 1976. In both instances the lower court rulings involved two gay men in relationships: *Jones v. Daly* in 1981 and *Whorton v. Dillingham* in 1988.

You say putative ...

Court rulings in California, and other states, recognize so-called "putative marriages" to resolve palimony lawsuits. A "putative marriage" is legal jargon for domestic partnerships, when a court determines a relationship between unmarried spouses is just like a legal marriage anyway, says Waukeen Q. McCoy, a San

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A 'putative' object lesson in SF

by Jim Emerson

Two gay Bay Area men are embroiled in a bitter palimony lawsuit seeking to divide ownership of a house and other financial assets. Documents filed recently in San Francisco Superior Court include charges of fraud, sexual abuse, and emotional distress caused by alleged exposure to HIV.

Mychal Robinson is suing Allan Louie for spousal support and damages, charging that Louie knew himself to be HIV-positive for 12 years, but failed to inform Robinson before the men were unofficially married in a private ceremony.

"As a result of Louie's wrongful conduct, Robinson has been exposed to HIV/AIDS," the lawsuit alleges, "which caused and continue to cause Robinson great

mental, physical, and nervous pain and suffering."

Robinson alleges that Louie talked him into having unprotected sex, before he found three bottles of the anti-HIV drug AZT hidden in a closet one day while cleaning the house.

Court documents allege that Louie knew he was HIV-positive, but didn't disclose the information to Robinson. Louie allegedly removed a condom from Robinson's penis and told him he didn't need to use it. From that point on the men supposedly had unprotected sexual relations.

California law requires a person with venereal disease to avoid sexual contact with uninfected persons, or at least warn potential sexual partners before sexual contact occurs, said Louie's attorney Waukeen Q. McCoy.

The nature of the relationship

between the men is in dispute. Robinson claims he has known Louie for eight years and began dating him about five years ago, but Louie claims they were only dating a few months.

The other side

Robinson's lawsuit is a "complete scam," according to Michael Adams, an associate with the law firm Clarence & Snell, which is representing Robinson. "There's not one witness to the alleged private marriage ceremony. It's a lie and it never happened."

"Mr. Robinson lived with Mr. Louie for approximately four months," Adams said. "Now he's suing for half the house and half of everything that Mr. Louie owns."

Also, Adams told the B.A.R., "Mr. Robinson moved into Mr. Louie's house under a false pretense, saying that he intended to

move to Seattle."

Robinson claims he became a homemaker to live with Louie and remodel Louie's house at 1418 Noe Street, after both men agreed that Robinson would close a combination hair styling salon and antique store he owned in Hayes Valley. Robinson also claims that Louie agreed to provide him with financial support for the rest of his life.

"It's our position that they were [unofficially] married and agreed to do certain things, and

the courts are clear about contracts," McCoy said. "The two guys agreed to pool their assets."

Robinson is entitled to dissolution of the "putative marriage" by court decree, pursuant to the California Family Code, on the ground that there now exists irreconcilable differences that have caused the irremediable breakdown of the marriage, according to the lawsuit. A putative marriage is an unofficial marriage that's the legal basis of any palimony lawsuit, McCoy said. ▼

Gay divorcés

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Francisco attorney in private practice.

Same-sex couples have tried and failed since at least 1974 to get courts in various states to rule favorably for legalized same-sex marriage, says Michael Adams, an associate with the law firm Clarence & Snell in San Francisco.

Marriage law and palimony law are legally considered as separate issues. "The gay marriage issue is irrelevant to palimony

lawsuits; whether you have a right to marry has nothing to do with palimony," Adams told the B.A.R.

There are no legal distinctions between heterosexual or homosexual palimony in California. "A palimony lawsuit is a breach of contract lawsuit that's about a personal relationship, presumably involving love and sexual relations," he says.

The technical test for palimony is a co-habitation agreement between two adults who voluntarily live together, while consenting to share property and

earnings, adds Davidson. "Palimony contracts can be written, oral or implied in California," he says.

Palimony is presently the only legal protection available to unmarried couples, straight or gay, but it's more complicated than divorce, because with palimony it must be proven that a relationship exists, Davidson says.

Even if same-sex couples are granted equal civil rights to marry like heterosexuals, there would still be palimony lawsuits because not everyone chooses to marry, lawyers agree. ▼

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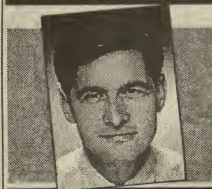
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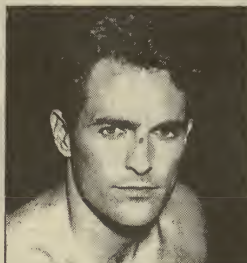
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New Leaf hit with labor grievance

by Dennis Conkin

In the wake of staff layoffs, program scale-backs, and the consolidation of facilities at the San Francisco agency New Leaf, the Service Employees International Union Local 790 filed a formal union grievance against New Leaf management with the National Labor Relations Board on Monday, August 5.

The union was certified to represent non-management workers at New Leaf, a gay mental health and substance abuse services agency formed through the recent merger of Operation Concern and 18th Street Services, during contract negotiations in June.

The grievance was filed shortly after New Leaf executive director Joe Neisan, Ph.D. last week notified six full-time staffers—out of a staff of 50 employees—that they would be laid off. Neisan also reduced the work schedules of six part-time workers.

The agency, which has an annual budget of \$1.5 million, only averted missing its July 31 \$52,200 bi-weekly payroll by taking out a loan to cover a \$26,000 shortfall. According to a July 29 memo circulated to employees by Neisan, the agency was late on the payroll by one day in its previous payroll period.

Neisan also told the *Bay Area Reporter* he is not yet certain the

agency will be able to meet its August 15 payroll, and has notified staffers that New Leaf's new Chief Financial Officer Barbara Galvan was hospitalized Tuesday, August 5.

"It is unclear at this point how long she will be out of the office," he said in a memo to staff. "With the departure of our accountant and our administrative director on disability leave, we currently have none of the usual staff in the finance office...."

"A primary concern is meeting payroll on August 15. We do not have all of the details of Barbara's plans to meet payroll; however, we are actively doing what we can to meet payroll. I will continue to update you as we have more information."

Neisan said that the termination of staffers was caused by a budget deficit, but flatly refused to divulge the amount.

"They have given us incomplete information," Local 790 organizer Ruben Garcia told the *B.A.R.* "We've asked how much management is getting paid, but they didn't want to tell us."

According to Garcia, management salaries "are only one area" of concern the union has about the agency's fiscal practices, and claimed that New Leaf planned to take a "huge cut" on benefits provided to workers.

The *B.A.R.* has learned that the

agency's projected annual deficit was estimated at \$360,000, and that Neisan proposed cuts on July 8 including \$200,000 in salary savings; a reduction of worker benefits by \$40,000; and rental saving of \$75,000 a year by closing two former 18th Street Services program delivery sites.

"From a budget perspective we needed to look at some cutbacks. From a fiscal perspective it was not efficient to operate at five facilities, so we are getting rid of two offices at 217 and 254 Church Street," Neisan confirmed to the *B.A.R.*

Neisan declined to discuss the specifics of negotiations with the union, including his controversial proposals for reductions in New Leaf workers' healthcare, sick leave, and other benefits packages.

"I don't want to interfere with negotiations," he said. "We put together a proposal."

However, the *Bay Area Reporter* has learned the agency wants to cut workers' healthcare benefits by shifting health benefits for full-time employees to a monthly cash allowance equal to the Kaiser Value plan, which costs \$144.75 a month. Workers who work between half and three-quarter time would receive half that amount.

The agency currently pays between \$145-\$183 per month per staffer for the benefits—and for

two workers' domestic partners, plus dependent coverage.

Domestic partners' benefits for lesbian and gay staffers would be eliminated under Neisan's proposal, unless employees wanted to pay for their partners.

The agency would also sharply curtail sick and vacation time available to workers, including mental health days.

Although Neisan told the *Bay Area Reporter* the cuts were necessary, a social worker who provides substance abuse counseling worries about New Leaf's survival and whether the agency is a "safe space" for those people most affected.

"Joe is being very up-front and trying to keep the agency going," said Jay Pinkerton, MSW, "but it feels very, very unsafe for clients."

Pinkerton said he recently had to tell a recovery therapy group he facilitates that it was ending much sooner than expected, and worried about the impact of the cutbacks on client services.

Neisan said the budget deficits were caused by "reliance on grant funds" when the agency's budget was developed by California Pacific Medical Center, 18th Street Services, and Operation Concern executives prior to his appointment as executive director.

"I'm sure they had good intentions in developing the budget," he said. ▽

New HIV director named for Chinese college clinic

by Cynthia Laird

Bartholomew Casimir has been named HIV program administrator for the clinic operated by the American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine (ACTCM) in San Francisco.

Casimir, a person living with HIV, took over the position July 22. He is no stranger to the program, although he's been away for two years. He has extensive experience in public health, public relations, and administration. He has worked as a public health administrator in both the San Francisco Department of Public

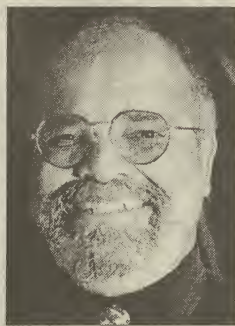
Health, and the Indiana State Department of Health.

Additionally, Casimir serves as vice chair of the National Association of People With AIDS, and is an appointed member of the AIDS Program Advisory Committee of the National Institutes of Health.

Casimir replaces Howard Moffet, who is taking a one-year leave of absence from ACTCM to attend the graduate school of Harvard University.

Moffet developed the HIV clinic as an integral part of ACTCM Community Clinic. He also implemented the Communi-

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Hundreds turn out for Oakland AIDS fundraiser

by Cynthia Laird

Organizers of the benefit at Cabel's Reef Cocktail Lounge in Oakland last Saturday, August 3 say more than 200 people attended the event, and thousands of dollars were raised for the AIDS Project of East Bay.

Saying there were "no boundaries here," organizers welcomed everyone who came through the doors of the predominantly African-American club. People enjoyed the live entertainment and walked up to the performers with cash in hand to donate to the agency.

At the end of each song, the performers gathered up the wads of money and placed them into collection jars. Donors also gave checks ranging from \$25 to a high of \$1,000.

Ernest Andrews, who served as master of ceremonies for the evening, held up a packaged condom at one point and urged those attending the event to always have one available.

"They're easy to use, and they're free. There's no reason why you shouldn't have one," said Andrews, who's been doing AIDS work since 1981. "There's not a cure at this point, but there is prevention."

New HIV director

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ty Acupuncture Project (CAP), advanced research activities at the college, and published frequently in professional and lay publications.

Casimir said he helped Moffet develop the program.

The goal of the CAP is to develop models of integrated medicine care in primary care settings, to integrate Eastern and Western medicine for the benefit of people who have HIV/AIDS. The program recently received more funding from the public health department.

"It's an important part of primary care," Casimir told the B.A.R., adding that acupuncture wasn't always thought of as primary care. "It bridges the gap between Western medicine and Chinese medicine. It's been beneficial to me."

The target population of the CAP program is medically uninsured or underinsured San Francisco residents with symptomatic HIV disease who desire access to the medical options available through traditional Chinese medicine modalities.

Patients will be seen at the Mission Neighborhood Health Center, the Castro Health Center, and the Maxine Hall Health Center, Casimir said.

Moffet's work was praised by the ACTCM president.

"He [Moffet] represented ACTCM at a number of professional meetings, nationally and internationally, and he helped to enhance the visibility of ACTCM in the Bay Area as well," noted Lixin Huang, ACTCM president.

"He has devoted himself to promote the role of Chinese medicine in public health practice, and to increase access to traditional Chinese medicine," Huang stated. ▼

Stacey Pea, who did a lip-synch to Michael Jackson's "You Are Not Alone," became emotional after his performance.

"This is from my heart," Pea said. "I've been here 18 years and think of all my friends who have died of AIDS."

Other performers included Madame X, and Stanley, the entertainment manager at Cabel's Reef who said someone promised to donate \$100 if he sang "I'm in Love Under New Management," which he did.

Berkeley R&B singer Erica Berry also performed several numbers and brought the audience to its feet with her strong vocals.

Berry donated her time to perform, and dedicated her first song to AIDS Project of the East Bay.

"You're all here tonight because you believe in something," she told the crowd.

Marvin Carter, who used to

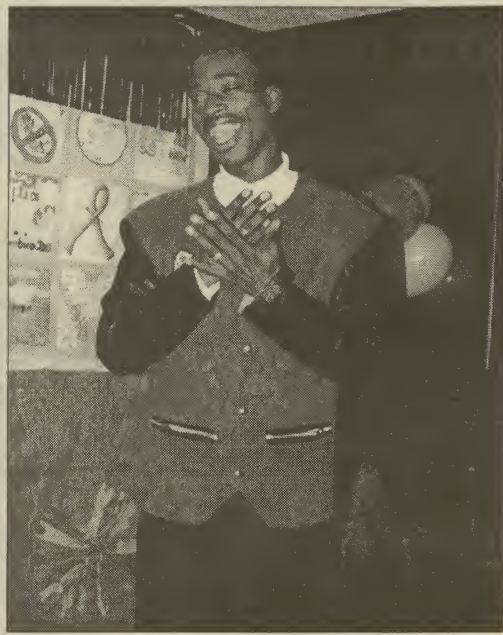
work for the Oakland agency and who helped organize the event along with Raymond Clark, was very pleased with the turnout. Carter, who now works at Project Inform in San Francisco, said he continued working on the benefit despite his job change.

"I'm pleased," Carter told the B.A.R. "I was committed to doing this fundraiser because the need is there."

Marlow Thomas — the local personality, not *That Girl* — spoke at the event and urged people not to be judgmental of others.

"We've lost many, many of our friends and family to this disease," Thomas said before reading a poem. ▼

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From the heart: Stacey Pea lip-synched the King of Pop at the Aug. 3 benefit.

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Congress acts on drinking water, health insurance, and welfare

by Bob Roeher

Congress hammered out a series of compromises in the week before its August 2 recess to pass significant legislation dealing with health insurance, welfare, and drinking water. The measures all passed with strong bipartisan support, and President Clinton has said he will sign them. While none explicitly mentions gays and lesbians, they will greatly affect some members of the community, particularly people with HIV or other long-term health problems.

Health insurance

Health insurance will become easier to purchase and maintain.

Preexisting conditions will no longer be grounds to deny coverage, though insurers can still limit coverage on those conditions during the first 12 months a policy is in force. People who have gone through that waiting period will be considered vested in all policies and not have to wait again if they switch coverage to another company.

Insurance companies are also prohibited from dropping the policies of people when they become sick, so long as they continue to pay their premiums. And 750,000 medical savings accounts will be authorized as a four-year experiment in alternative financing and management of health insurance.

Payouts for viatical settlements

and accelerated benefits for the terminally ill will become tax exempt. All of these provisions take effect next July.

These issues of "portability" affect 25 to 30 million Americans, according to a study by the General Accounting Office, a research arm of Congress. Many workers feel locked into their current job because they might not qualify for health insurance elsewhere or they may have a waiting period until they do qualify.

That is particularly important for people with HIV infection. New therapy options promise to turn the disease into a much more long-term, chronic, and manageable one, where people will be able to continue working while on expensive therapies. Maintenance of health insurance in very important.

Ben Schatz, executive director of the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association, called the reform "very significant for the gay community, because it does increase access to care."

According to Schatz, "Gay and lesbian people tend to be more likely to work in alternative or small businesses, and as a result, portability is terribly important. The concerns about preexisting conditions are quite important to people with HIV and, quite frankly, to people who are perceived to be at risk for HIV."

Welfare

The main controversy surrounded welfare reform, which ends 61 years of federal guarantees of cash payments to the needy. It also requires recipients to find work after two years and limits lifetime benefits to a total of five years. Republicans gave almost unanimous support to the measure, while Democrats divided nearly evenly. President Clinton has said he will sign it, and the measure will go into effect on October 1.

The core of the change is to allow much greater flexibility to create and administer programs at the state level. A few seem well-positioned to use those powers creatively to move welfare recipients into the workplace and economic self-sufficiency, but others have not even begun to plan for such responsibility. It will be years before the full impact of these changes can be assessed.

The greatest impact on gays and lesbians is likely to come through a provision that allows states—but does not require them—to deny Medicaid and state administered programs such as General Assistance, Ryan White, and AIDS Drug Assistance Programs (ADAP) to legal immigrants who are not citizens, if they so choose.

Another provision limits eligibility for Food Stamps to three months for those who have not re-



NAPWA's Mike Shriver.

ceived a ruling under Social Security Disability Insurance that they are disabled. Tom McCormack, author of *The AIDS Benefits Handbook*, worries that it often takes six to 12 months for Social Security to issue a disability ruling, even for someone with full-blown AIDS.

Christine Lubinski, deputy director of the AIDS Action Council, said the bill "punishes low-income people with HIV and AIDS who, absent vital healthcare and nutritional support and income assistance that the welfare system now provides, will face needless pain and swifter death."

She called President Clinton's decision to sign the bill "a breach of his promise" to protect Medicaid.

Drinking water

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Narcs raid CBC

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who reside in another apartment in the same building, asking if Peron had ever had sex with them or given them money.

Peron was in Vancouver at the time of the break-ins, celebrating Gay Pride Day and commemorating the anniversary of the Gastown Riots, which resulted from marijuana arrests in 1971.

Undercover action

Narcotics officials claim that the CBC routinely sells marijuana to people, including underage youth, who do not have a medical recommendation. The raid was

the outcome of a two-year investigation that used undercover agents to purchase marijuana at the club, Bureau of Narcotics Enforcement chief Joe Doane said at a Sunday press conference at Fisherman's Wharf.

Hernandez asserted that the CBC operates under strict rules, with members required to provide a doctor's letter of diagnosis, a prescription, and a photo ID; Hernandez allowed that a small number of inappropriate sales might have taken place to people with forged letters and ID cards. Several prominent local AIDS doctors prescribe marijuana to their patients to ameliorate the nausea caused by some antiviral drugs and to boost appetite to

control AIDS-related wasting.

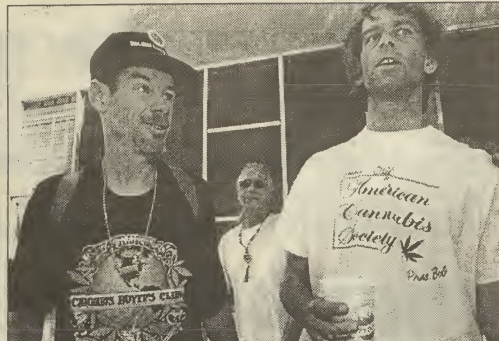
A rally and "smoke in" on Sunday evening drew some 200 people, who took part in a boisterous march from the Castro to the CBC's Market Street headquarters. Peron addressed the crowd by telephone from Vancouver, stating that the day's actions had "stiffened our resolve to go on." He claimed he would be on hand Monday to receive the Attorney General's injunction against the club and would "tell him to cram it up his ass."

Jeff Sheehy of the Harvey Milk Democratic Club called attention to the confiscation of medical records, saying that "our next fight is to get our names back." CBC Assistant Manager Gary Johnson told the crowd that the club would open on Monday – but without the confiscated marijuana, which he suspected the rats in the police property room were currently enjoying.

Johnson and others repeatedly emphasized that San Francisco city police were not involved in the actions. Moore reassured the crowd with a statement she would repeat several times over the next days, saying, "Don't worry...everything is going to be all right."

Word of the raids spread rapidly among the CBC's large network, and a noontime rally on Monday at the State Building drew a crowd of hundreds.

A hearing about the raids was held at the Superior Court on Folsom Street that afternoon, presided over by Judge William Cahill. At 3:30 p.m., CBC attorney Jay David Nick read a statement confirming that Cahill had issued a restraining order demanding that the CBC stop operating in the city and county of San Fran-



CBC member Calvin Martin (left) and Jeff Bullard (right) were detained at club headquarters by state officers with the Bureau of Narcotics Enforcement following the early morning raid.

cisco under the threat of contempt of court if any attempt is made by those named in the affidavit (those detained on Sunday morning) to appear or operate at 1444 Market Street.

Nick stated that the CBC will not accept the order, which is "illegal and unlawful." Back in San Francisco, Peron said that "while this might seem like a dark hour, do not think we are defeated – we will fight back!"

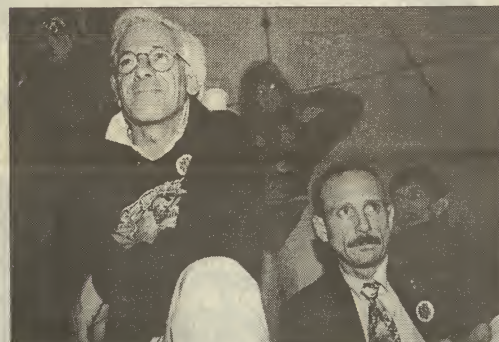
"[Officials] won't let us operate at 1444 Market, but that doesn't mean we won't operate."

Johnson, who was not among those cited in the affidavit, noted that "the judge didn't tell me I

previous raid in January 1990, in which both Peron and West were arrested.

"What is wrong with this country that feels it has to jail sick and dying people, and has to use sick people in the never-ending, futile war on drugs?" asked Peron. "Dan Lungren's cheap trick to interfere with Proposition 215 is more at home in Argentina than in San Francisco."

Proposition 215 is the medical marijuana initiative on the November ballot; Peron and the CBC led the drive to collect the more than 700,000 signatures needed to put the proposition on the ballot. A similar measure, Proposition P,



CBC founder Dennis Peron (left foreground), manager Beth Moore (center back) and asst. manager Gary Johnson (right foreground) at Harvey Milk Plaza prior to Sunday's march.

couldn't sell marijuana," and said he was willing to go to jail.

Harassing the sick

The actions against the CBC brought out people in larger numbers than have been seen in the past few years, including the gathering after the Supreme Court struck down Colorado's Amendment 2. The issue of medical marijuana strikes a chord with people across the political spectrum. One supporter asked, "Why are they harassing sick people?" Another wondered, "Why not go after crack houses instead?" Others decry the waste of taxpayers' money on legal action against marijuana users, and condemn Lungren's defiance of the wishes of San Francisco citizens and local government officials.

A support rally Monday evening drew 1,000 people, who marched with candles from the Castro down Market Street and Van Ness to the State Building.

Peron addressed the crowd before the march and again at the State Building, declaring, "I've sold a lot of marijuana in San Francisco, and I'm very proud of it." He recalled his work with Harvey Milk, and the many marches that have traversed this route. He remembered his late lover Jonathan West, a PWA in whose memory Peron founded the CBC. Peron's home was subject to a

was previously passed in San Francisco with 80% of the vote. Medical marijuana bills have been passed twice by the state legislature, but have been vetoed by Governor Pete Wilson.

Lungren, a potential vice presidential candidate, is leading the opposition against Proposition 215, and has also recently threatened to shut down needle exchange programs. The actions against the CBC appear to have strengthened the resolve of club members and supporters, who have vowed to redouble their efforts to pass Proposition 215 this fall.

Peron concluded by saying, "It's not over until it's over, and for us it's never over." He urged people to come to the CBC on Wednesday, which will continue to serve as Proposition 215 headquarters.

CBC staff member Gilbert Baker declared that Lungren is "stepping in the middle of Proposition 215 and trying to stop the democratic process – that's what this is all about." He called the CBC raids "the sleaziest, and I dare say the clumsiest, attempt to grab headlines. But these headlines are written in blood."

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Public figures condemn the CBC raid

by Cynthia Laird

City officials spoke out Monday, August 5 against the state Department of Narcotic Enforcement's raid on the Cannabis Buyers Club (CBC), with the Board of Supervisors calling for a hearing on the issue and District Attorney Terence Hallinan saying his department was not informed of the action.

At a news conference Monday, Hallinan said he was "very disturbed" that a state agency would come into San Francisco without informing his office. The Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement is under the jurisdiction of state Attorney General Dan Lungren.

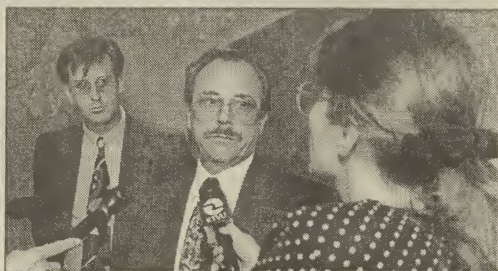
The district attorney, the top law enforcement officer in San Francisco, reiterated that his office will continue its policy of not prosecuting medical marijuana cases.

"That is the policy and I do not intend to change that," Hallinan said.

Hallinan said he urged CBC founder Dennis Peron at a June meeting to tighten up procedures at the club, which sells marijuana for medicinal purposes to people who have AIDS, glaucoma, muscular dystrophy, cancer, and other life-threatening diseases.

"I did advise Mr. Peron that he's sort of a lightning rod," Hallinan said. "I do believe the club is run by people trying to get marijuana to people who are suffering."

Added Hallinan, "I did make it clear to Mr. Peron and Ms. Moore [CBC director Beth Moore] they



On the spot: Dept. of Narcotic Enforcement's Joe Doane at an Aug. 4 press conference regarding the CBC raid.

should not take it [marijuana] out and sell, particularly to children.

"I do know they've adopted rules. They told me they posted rules such as no children, and no guests," Hallinan said of operations at the CBC. However, he added, "No matter how tight it is, somebody can cheat on it."

Hallinan also said that if marijuana was being bought at the club and resold on the street and someone was arrested, his office would prosecute.

He said he has seen no cases of that nature come before his office.

'Abuse of power'

In Sacramento, Assemblywoman Carole Migden blasted the attorney general's office for raiding the club.

"This is a blatant abuse of power by the state, placing politics ahead of people," Migden stated. "People with AIDS, cancer, and glaucoma are being denied treat-

ments which reduce their pain and suffering as a result of this unprincipled action."

Community organizations such as the San Francisco AIDS Foundation have also issued statements condemning the Sunday morning raid on the CBC.

"The San Francisco AIDS Foundation is concerned that the ... raid on the Cannabis Buyers Club in San Francisco may eliminate a point of access for people with HIV/AIDS with a valid medical reason for marijuana use," the organization said in a written statement.

Rector Robert Warren Crome of Trinity Episcopal Church in San Francisco also spoke out against the raid.

"A part-time member of my staff has AIDS. One of the things that enables him to keep working is his membership in the Cannabis Club," Crome said. "State agents have closed the club down. My

staff member can certainly buy what he wants on the street. He will miss the community and fellowship of being with fellow AIDS patients finding short-term relief from their distress."

Supervisor Tom Ammiano, joined by fellow supervisors Susan Leal and Sue Bierman, called for a hearing into the raid. The hearing has been scheduled for Thursday, August 15.

Mayor Willie Brown, while not responding to the raid on the Buyers club specifically, did say he

supports Proposition 215, the medical marijuana initiative that will be on the November 5 ballot in California.

The Californians for Compassionate Use campaign in support of Proposition 215 is run out of the same office as the CBC, at 1444 Market Street.

The mayor also said it's more important to focus on "crack dealers on the corner than a few people getting a marijuana joint to ease their pain," according to his press secretary Kandace Bender. ▼



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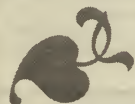
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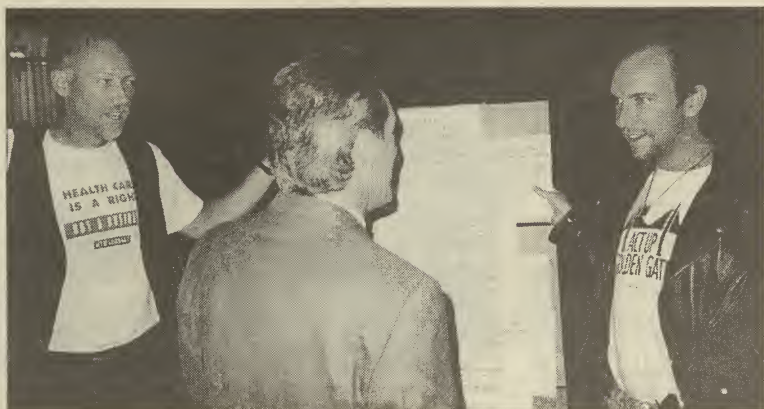
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Suppe inspection: Tom Ammiano (center) checks out ACT UP/GG's Most Wanted List as presented by Dave Mahon (left) and Bill Thorne.

ACT UP/GG targets '13 Most Wanted' HMOs, insurers

Kaiser makes changes; who's next?

by Bill Thorne, ACT UP/
Golden Gate Writers Pool

Seven years of diligence have finally paid off, and a major breakthrough has occurred for all HIV-infected patients of Kaiser Permanente. ACT UP/Golden Gate had previously won smaller battles with the health maintenance organization, such as securing access to eye implant research for patients and remedying a specific patient's situation. This month Kaiser went public with its plans and commitments to meet all the demands presented by ACT UP/Golden Gate on World AIDS Day last December.

Tremendous coalition-building efforts with patients, government officials, the media, and AIDS experts have translated into better care for Kaiser patients. The time has come to aggressively communicate with other health provider organizations to better ensure that

all HIV patients within both the public and private sectors receive access to the best care possible.

Town hall meetings, newspaper advertisements, phone and fax zaps, and demonstrations all helped keep the spotlight on the issues for PWAs with Kaiser. Perhaps most instrumental of all was the work of Supervisor Tom Ammiano, who held hearings and introduced a resolution telling Kaiser that their contract, as the largest provider of medical care to city employees, required them to provide the best possible care. Following months of negotiations between ACT UP/Golden Gate, Kaiser, and the supervisor, several positive outcomes emerged.

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Kaiser has drafted a document outlining everything from doctor selection and antiviral therapy to opportunistic infection prophylaxis and treatment. The document, to be completed by late September or October, will be reviewed by patients, physicians, and community members, including ACT UP/Golden Gate, Project Inform, The Living Well Project, and The San Francisco AIDS Foundation. Women's and pediatric issues will be included in the policies as well, which will be periodically updated.

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German director Rosa von Praunheim (center) speaks on his experience as a filmmaker (*Revolt of the Perverts, A Virus Knows No Morals, Anita: Dances of Vice, I Am My Own Woman*) and a gay man in Germany at the Aug. 3 town meeting of the Queer Cultural Center (Eureka Valley Recreation Center). Rosa is reportedly in San Francisco to do research on a film about the beginnings of gay liberation here.

UCSF, SFGH named best for AIDS care in US

BusinessWire

The UC San Francisco Medical Center ranks as the country's best center for AIDS care, according to a new survey conducted by *U.S. News & World Report*. The UCSF-affiliated San Francisco General Hospital was also among the ten best, and Stanford University Hospital among the top 16 American hospitals overall.

A total of 1,961 hospitals were evaluated in the survey, conducted in conjunction with the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago. Results of the survey of "America's Best Hospitals" appear in the August 12 issue of the magazine.

The survey cites UCSF as one of the top ten hospitals in AIDS, cancer, cardiology, endocrinology,

gastroenterology, neurology, and ophthalmology. UCSF also ranks among the hospitals listed as the best in the nation in geriatrics, gynecology, orthopedic care, otolaryngology, pediatrics, rheumatology, and urology.

UCSF-affiliated San Francisco General Hospital is ranked as the best hospital in the nation for AIDS care. SFGH also entered the rankings this year in gynecological care, listed as 41st.

This is the seventh time *U.S. News* has compiled a list of "America's Best Hospitals." In 1990, the first rankings were based solely on reputation and covered 12 specialties. Four specialties have been added since that time, and reputation now counts for just one third of a hospital's score.

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sures, specific to each specialty, that physicians and social science researchers believe reflects quality of care.

The UCSF Medical Center ranks seventh overall on the "honor roll" of the nation's leading hospitals; Stanford University Hospital ranks 16th. Only two other West Coast hospitals were listed on the honor roll: UCLA Medical Center in Los Angeles and the University of Washington Medical Center, Seattle. ▼

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HIV coordinator and specialty clinic

Patients have demanded these things for years. "While we continue to want most of our physicians to be well trained in HIV, the reality is that a core group are the experts," commented Kaiser HIV Medical Director Dr. Michael Pawlik. "We will organize ourselves into a subspecialty clinic . . . and will be able to permeate the latest in clinical practices through the Medical Center."

ACT UP/Golden Gate has pushed for seven years for patients to have specialists, a central place to go to address HIV concerns and have a mechanism to switch doctors quickly if they choose.

"We at ACT UP/Golden Gate are glad to have achieved some victories for PWAs by working with Supervisor Ammiano," said David Mahon. "It is clear to us that we would have been unable to do this without his hard work. We wish to publicly thank him for

standing up for the needs of PWAs.

"We will continue to work with the supervisor's office to improve many more areas at Kaiser, including making Kaiser's Research Unit more responsive to PWAs; better care for all HIV-associated illnesses; improving HIV prevention and care for women and children; as well as addressing the inadequate grievance procedures currently in place," he continued.

"ACT UP/Golden Gate recognizes these victories in the context of dominoes beginning to fall, of which Kaiser is only the first of many HMOs and reimbursers who we intend to challenge on all these issues and more," stated Steve Johnson of ACT UP/Golden Gate. "We are approaching 13 other reimbursers to respond regarding their level of care for their HIV/AIDS patients."

ACT UP/Golden Gate is demanding written responses from all the CEOs and presidents of these multi-million dollar corporations, dubbed the "13 MOST WANTED," by next Friday, August 16. They are asked to address all the issues raised above, as well as any other areas they might like to expand upon.

Otherwise, they are aware, ACT UP/Golden Gate may be forced to move onto the next level of communication, as was done at Kaiser Permanente on World AIDS Day.

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Barry Bobb

June 17, 1952 - July 6, 1996



In some ways, Barry's story is the same as so many others. He cared for and lost close friends and his partner before he, too, could escape no longer. He never ceased to care about his community and those he would leave behind. He carried on courageously despite the pain and loneliness of his own loss, the swiftness of the illness that eventually took him, and the lifelong struggle with his family.

How often this story of individual courage is played out, and how often it goes untold. But it is Barry's story. And it will not go untold, and he will not be forgotten. His cherished memory will always live in the hearts of those he inspired, encouraged, and made slave to his sharp wit and special brand of frankness.

For Barry, everything had its place and a purpose, and everyone was capable of putting their life in order. He stood up for himself, took pride in himself, and never looked back.

One of Barry's most cherished

friends was Carole DeArujo. Carole's compassion and respect for Barry have not gone unnoticed by his friends and his community.

You've left a wonderful and indelible mark upon us, Barry. We thank you.

Jose Blanco Chirino

Dec. 29, 1951 - May 27, 1996



Sheila (China), as he was best known among all his friends, passed away peacefully at the Peter Claver Community Hospice. He died of AIDS-related complications. Angelita, Jorge and Juan

Gonzalez were at his bedside until the end.

A native of Cuba, Jose never lost faith in going back and visiting his family, who he supported after coming to this country by working odd jobs and doing anything he could to send money home. The only son, he received a blow to his dignity when his mother told him to stay in the United States and she would visit him instead.

Jose came to the U.S. in the Mariel exodus and lived in San Jose, Calif., with his sponsors and his friend (and later companion), Jorge Rivera, who he met in a refugee camp.

Sheila will be remembered by his many friends in San Jose and San Francisco, but most of all by his ex-partner, Jorge, who he helped with all his problems throughout the 13 years they knew each other.

Jose asked me to thank all the staff at the hospice for their compassion, good care and emotional support.

Thanks.

China, rest in peace.

Marc Joseph Pellegrini

March 12, 1956 - April 27, 1996



Son, brother, uncle and friend left us with a legacy of memories. His kind and gracious spirit will remain forever...

Family and friends, we deeply appreciate your remembrance, comfort and support during his confinement. We gratefully acknowledge your kind expression of sympathy.

Marc was previously employed at Viacom. Contributions in his memory to the AIDS Memorial Grove in Golden Gate Park would be appreciated.

Thank you for sharing in his lifetime. With love, Marianne, Carlo and Ron Pellegrini and Family

It's been Three long years, Still miss you...
In Loving Memory
David Lee Sherrick



March 25, 1947

to

Aug. 15, 1993

**Family
and
Friends**

ONE YEAR GONE...

MONTY VALENTINE...CHRIS OLSON...DREW WHITMORE



OUR ROMANCE FOLDED ON A SORROWFUL NOTE, GONE BY TOMORROW THE SONG IS ENDED BUT AS THE SONGWRITER WROTE, THE MELODY LINGERS ON NOW THEY MAY TAKE YOU FROM ME, I'LL MISS YOUR FOND CARESS BUT THOUGH THEY TAKE YOU FROM ME, I'LL STILL POSSESS...

THE WAY YOU WORE YOUR HAT
THE WAY YOU SIPPED YOUR TEA
THE MEMORY OF ALL THAT
NO, THEY CAN'T TAKE THAT AWAY FROM ME

THE WAY YOUR SMILE JUST BEAMED
THE WAY YOU SANG OFF KEY
THE WAY YOU HAUNT MY DREAMS
NO, THEY CAN'T TAKE THAT AWAY FROM ME

WE MAY NEVER, NEVER MEET AGAIN ON THAT BUMPY ROAD TO LOVE BUT I'LL ALWAYS, ALWAYS KEEP THE MEMORY OF...

THE WAY YOU HELD YOUR KNIFE
THE WAY WE DANCED TILL 3
THE WAY YOU CHANGED MY LIFE
NO, THEY CAN'T TAKE THAT AWAY FROM ME
NO, THEY CAN'T TAKE THAT AWAY FROM ME

Edward Alphonse Poskus Jr.

Nov. 8, 1947 - July 18, 1996



Ed "Kyto Rhy" Poskus Jr., 48, died at his home in San Francisco on July 18 after a valiant struggle with AIDS-related lymphoma. Born in Brockton, Mass., he moved to San Francisco in the late

'70s, where he found his second home and extended family.

An honored and active member of the artist community, Ed found true love in the beauty he created. From large-scale ceramics to a simple flower arrangement, he never gave it up until it was perfected. His innate genius and creativity brought passion, commitment and style to each endeavor he undertook.

Ed is survived by his mother, Ann Poskus of South Easton, Mass.; father, Edward Poskus of Woburn, Mass.; and his brother, Stephen, of Carlsbad, Calif., who was present at the time of his passing.

A memorial is planned celebrating life, family and friends.

Robert Quillen

March 1945 - August 1996



Bob left us on the morning of August 2. All who knew him loved him and will miss him terribly. We'll gather in the AIDS Memorial Grove to celebrate his life on Sunday, August 25, from about noon to

2 p.m.

Instead of flowers, a donation to the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus would be appreciated. For more information, please contact Bob Emery at 415/285-8390.

James (Jimmy) Sherman

Feb. 25, 1944 - Aug. 3, 1996



Jimmy died early Saturday afternoon at his home in Bernal Heights. He was born in Woonsocket, R.I., but raised in Renton, Wash.

Jim came to the Bay Area around 1964. He met his

partner, Max Kirkeberg, at the Renaissance Fair on Sept. 3, 1970, and they were together from then on.

In 1984 Jim began his odyssey with AIDS. He fought health problem after health problem for years, without letting them diminish his zest for life. In September 1995, he was diagnosed with a new challenge: terminal lung cancer unrelated to AIDS.

Jim's friends and family were his strength. During his last years, he used his life's bench marks to raise money from these friends to support AIDS organizations. His 50th birthday party raised \$3000 for the AIDS Emergency Fund. His 25th anniversary with Max raised \$5000 for Project Open Hand. This summer he and Max raised \$5600 for AIDS Walk. Many thanks to everyone who helped him in his life.

A celebration of Jim's life will take place at 2 p.m. on Tuesday (no racing), August 20, at Our Lady of Safeway (St. Francis Lutheran, 152 Church at Market). For more information call Max at 282-6022.

Daniel Sullivan (Danny Dokken)

Sept. 15, 1961 - June 18, 1996



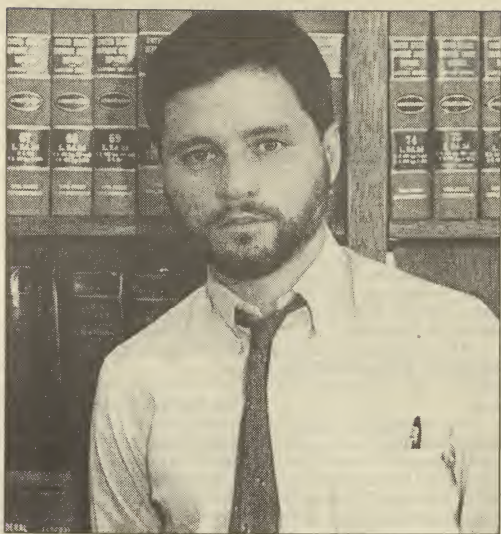
The forever young Danny was found deceased in his residential hotel room in San Francisco on June 18.

Born in Illinois and raised in Rochester, Minn., he came to San Francisco in 1982.

Eventually settling into self-employment as a nurturing masseur, he also got his G.E.D. and studied journalism at City College.

Always concerned about the less fortunate and the injustices of this world, Danny would frequently help young people in need. Unfortunately, a brain injury in 1990 from a motorcycle accident predisposed him to depression. After a suicide attempt in 1994 and in complete rehabilitation for the resulting

OBITUARIES



The late T.J. Anthony.

T.J. Anthony dies at 37

by Dennis Conkin

Gay social justice activist and political consultant T.J. Anthony died peacefully at home on August 2 after a long illness. He was 37.

Michigan-born Anthony survived a traumatic childhood that included life in more than a dozen foster homes before serving as an aide to two San Francisco Supervisors and as advisor and friend to scores of local community leaders, political figures, and activists.

Anthony served most recently as an aide to Supervisor Barbara Kaufman, whose campaign he managed in 1992.

During his tenure with Kaufman, Anthony helped create the city's Human Resources Department, but is best known for his role in developing the revised San Francisco City Charter, approved by voters last year.

Anthony was presented with a leather-bound volume of the Charter by San Francisco Planning and Urban Research shortly before his death, and was recognized with a proclamation in July by Mayor Willie Brown for his monumental contribution to the charter reform effort.

"I loved T.J.," Kaufman told the *Bay Area Reporter*. "This has been like losing one of my kids. He wasn't just my aide, he was a good friend. His death leaves a tremen-

dous void."

During his tenure as an aide to former Supervisor Richard Hongisto, Anthony was instrumental in developing the city's catastrophic leave policy, needle exchange policies, and the city policy of reunification of foster children with their birth families. He also authored Proposition X, a voter-approved initiative that banned city officeholders from having slush funds in "Friends Accounts."

"While a public policy analyst and legislative aide, T.J.'s true passion lay in realizing his core beliefs through political activism," said longtime friend and colleague Tab Buckner.

"This is like losing a brother," said long-time friend, attorney Kay Tsenin. "T.J. was the consummate feminist, and his friends will always carry him in our hearts."

Anthony helped organize the nation's first men's march for choice, was a past president of his union local, past president of the Judicial Project, and a member of the executive board of the California Democratic Party. A convert to Judaism, Anthony was also on the governing board of the American Jewish Congress.

A memorial service celebrating Anthony's life and accomplishments will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, August 11 at The Congregation Sherith Israel, located at 2266 California Street in San Francisco. ▼

motor skill damage, we hope he's found the peace that had eluded him.

Many of us are grateful for his time on earth, his laugh, his touch and his generous heart. His body was buried in Illinois on June 22. To leave condolences for his family, call (415) 864-2430.

Peter Tenney

Oct. 21, 1956 - July 2, 1996

Peter died of AIDS at 5:10 a.m. on July 2. A compassionate, difficult, intelligent, creative and confrontational man, he was born on a small farm in Groton, Mass. He attended Hampshire College, later moved to Boston, and eventually emigrated to San Francisco, where he lived primarily since 1977.

An activist in many causes during the past 20 years, Peter formed a dissident gay caucus outside the SF Restaurant Workers' Union and in the '80s co-founded the Lesbian/Gay Labor Network in New York City.

Peter worked for years as a chef in numerous hotel kitchens and restaurants, concluding his working life with Petey Pie Catering. Many still long for those ginger biscuits that were part of his catering repertoire.

In 1995, Peter published his "teeny-weenie chapbook" of poems, *Slow for a Mania, Fast for a Waltz*. In June of that year, he moved to Maitri Hospice, where he spent the last year of his life delighting and infuriating everyone within his orbit.

Peter is survived by friends, family, his book and his activism. Donations: AIDS Emergency Fund. A memorial service will be held September 1, 2-5 p.m. For information, call 282-3337 or 431-6731.

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JOSEPH LESLIE JURKAN 1962-1996

Joe's spirit and soul left us Saturday Morning August 3. Somewhere within that great white light I know that he has just made another Hole in One on the course he is playing.

Joe is survived by his mother Mary Jane, his dad and stepmother Vic and Jan, his two sisters Lori and Jennifer and his lover of almost 15 years Mark.

Joe and Mark were owners of a popular Polk area bar called The Motherlode. Those of you that know the bar know that Joe worked tirelessly for the past several years to try and end the discrimination that was so prevalent against the primary clientele of The Motherlode. Joe

your fight to end this discrimination by A.B.C. and some very homophobic people will not be in vain and your efforts will always be remembered.

To Marin County Specialty Clinic a special thanks for giving me Joe for a little bit longer than anyone would have thought. Tara and specially Brian, thanks. To the staff, current and former, and the patrons of The Motherlode, thanks for all your thoughts. Ron and Betsy, thanks for giving Joe one last cook-out. And to Bobby, I don't know if you ever really knew how much you meant to Joe, but he knew that you would take care of Mark. Bobby, all I can say is that you are truly a miracle. Mary Jane, how really lucky he was to have you not only as his mother but as his friend because you were always there, ALWAYS. Vic, thanks for the twinkle you put in his eyes his last birthday.

There will be a Celebration of Joe's Life Sunday August 11 at 7:00 pm. at The Motherlode 1002 Post Street. If you have a story about Joe, and I am sure that some of you do come by and share it with his friends and family.

Joe, Ithaca gave you the marvelous Journey, without her you wouldn't have set out, She has nothing left to give you now. Good-bye and thanks for loving me unconditionally.

Gentlemen's Agreement wraps up with final meeting Monday

by Cynthia Laird

The third meeting of the "Gentlemen's Agreement" series for HIV-positive and HIV-negative men will be held Monday, August 12, when both groups will get together in an effort to bridge the gap in the gay and bisexual community.

The forum is being hosted by Invention, a primary prevention project working with HIV-negative men, and the People With AIDS Coalition (PWAC).

Two meetings were held last

month. The first was a forum for HIV-negative men and the second was for HIV-positive men. Joseph Brewer, Ph.D., a psychotherapist and director of Invention, said the meetings were well-attended.

"There were over 100 at the HIV-negative meeting and about 50 at the HIV-positive meeting," Brewer told the B.A.R.

Perhaps not surprisingly, both groups feel they're not understood by the other, and each group had questions about who—in a sexual encounter between a HIV-positive and a HIV-negative man—had the responsibility for

disclosure, Brewer said.

Those attending the HIV-negative meeting kept returning to loss and grief issues, as well as exhaustion at caring for and losing so many friends, Brewer noted. Additionally, HIV-negative men expressed feelings of loneliness, made worse by a perceived lack of support.

In contrast, Brewer explained, HIV-positive men returned frequently to issues of disclosure, both with friends and family members, as well as with HIV-negative sex partners and dating.

"The positive men expressed a

need for learning ways to talk and disclose, as did the negative men the week before," Brewer said.

Commented one HIV-positive man, "We have got to disclose our status or we are enabling a negative man to seroconvert."

HIV-positive men also cited feelings of shame and of being anxious about being seen as diseased.

"HIV-negative men spoke of feeling 'uptight' about sex with a positive man, or that safe sex with a boyfriend felt 'weird and lab-like,'" Brewer said, adding, "It's clear that most gay men hate to

talk about positive-negative issues, and hate it most in sexual or romantic situations."

One HIV-negative man noted he's a person "living with AIDS, but I don't have the virus. The pressure in my life from the epidemic doesn't let up." ▼

The Gentlemen's Agreement meeting will be held Monday, August 12 at 7:30 p.m. at MCC-San Francisco, located at 150 Eureka Street. For more information call (415) 522-1785.

Out for Business

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David explains. "I think all the shops and the people in them have been very supportive, and there's a camaraderie among merchants here. People are looking out for us."

Yentamental journey

Ken speaks about their support staff Randy Balch, who was with the original business four years, and John Valenzuela. "John has been working in the store for ten years," Ken says, "and is really kind of the Yenta to the neighborhood. I think it's wonderful to provide that kind of atmosphere."

"That's what I mean when I

talk about really becoming a community business. You get to know your customers and you become part of them."

These Friendly Spirits have plans for the future. Shoppers will be able to purchase fancy food items, like patés, cheeses, and caviars to fill out a picnic or grill basket. When it's party time, they'll be able to call and reserve a keg. Customers will access the store through their web page, and choose from monthly wine selections that can be delivered throughout the world. The shop will produce a Friendly Spirits private label, representative of the gay community and the Castro, so that visitors can take home a taste of San Francisco. And cigar smokers

will be happy to know that humidorers are on the way, to cater to their cravings.

For the present, though, there's enough to keep the guys busy just providing the fine wines, microbrews, and liqueurs that proliferate in the market. Ken is the expert, and is always ready to share his love and knowledge of spirits with his customers. He talks about Chateau Megyer Tokaji, one of the favorite wines of Catherine the Great; the intriguing pod-like wine that traveled with the Knights Templar on their way to the Crusades; the cooked Madeira wine, used to toast the signing of the Declaration of Independence; and about an after-dinner liqueur made from the best lemons in the world, on the Isle of Capri.

"The sky's the limit," Ken explains. "I'm constantly searching for new and unusual things. My passion is to be able to get people as excited about these wonderful gems from around the world as I get excited about them when I taste them." ▼

Friendly Spirits, located at 572 Castro, opens every day at 11 a.m. It closes Sunday through Thursday at midnight; and Friday and Saturday at 2 a.m. Call (415) 864-2223 for home deliveries of orders over \$75.

Congress acts

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tants to focus on those most dangerous to human health, and calls for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to establish tougher standards to fight cryptosporidium and other contaminants.

"Crypto" is the waterborne parasite that struck Milwaukee in April 1993. It sickened over 400,000 people, sent 4,500 to the hospital, and killed 110, most of whom were HIV-positive.

The bill contains a "right to know" provision that, for the first time, requires local water authorities to tell the public what potential health risks are in their water supply. They must quickly notify the public whenever dangerous

levels of those substances appear.

To help upgrade water systems, the bill creates a revolving loan fund of up to \$1 billion a year for seven years, which can be tapped by the states.

Mike Shriver, public policy director for the National Association of People With AIDS (NAPWA), called the bill "a good step forward, but it doesn't go far enough." One of his concerns is that Congress did not meet an August 1 deadline to assure that \$725 million continue to be made available for upgrading water systems. However, he believes that is more a technical matter that will be corrected when Congress returns in September.

President Clinton signed the bill at a Tuesday, August 6 ceremony. ▼

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AIDS Community Research Consortium
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AIDS Dementia Unit
At St. Mary's Med. Center seeks volunteers. Call Ed Schultz, 750-4976.

AIDS Emergency Fund
Provides financial assistance to people with disabling HIV. Office volunteers needed for day shifts. Call 558-6999.

AIDS Health Project
Mixed caregivers and women's caregivers group; drop-in groups for HIV+ and PWA, more. Info, intake interviews: 476-3902.

AIDS Treatment Education Network
Provides free educational forums for people with HIV/AIDS; holistic healing and survival strategies. 284-6237.

Baker Places
Provides housing for people with AIDS who have substance abuse and/or mental health issues. For info or intake call 284-1740.

Bay Positives
Provides recreational and emotional support for people up to 26 years old living with HIV. Ongoing support groups meet weekly. 487-1616.

Baylands Family Circle
Non-profit group of families headed by gay, lesbian and bisexual partners, meets monthly for social. Call Tom, 858-2468.

Bereavement Groups
For family, friends and partners who have lost a

loved one to AIDS. Visiting Nurses and Hospice of SF. 750-4404.

Boy + Boy
Actions which promote safe sex among young gay and bi men. Tues, 7pm at Stop AIDS Project, 201 Sanchez. 431-2ACT x80V.

Brothers Network
Support services for the gay, bisexual and transgender African-American community. 973 Market, Suite #650. Call for groups and schedule: 356-8140.

Buddhist AIDS Project
Provides info on Buddhist resources, events, and HIV alternative health services. Call 522-7473.

Catholic Charities
Residential and direct HIV services include Guerrero House, Peter Claver Community, more. 814 Mission. 281-1200.

Clinica Esperanza
The HIV Clinic at Mission Neighborhood Health Center provides comprehensive bilingual HIV services. Sliding scale fees. 431-3212.

Coming out support group for lesbians
Fri. mornings, 10:30-12, facilitated by Nathalie Paven. LGSW. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St. 626-7000, x. 127.

Coming out support group for men
Meets Weds, 6-7:30pm at New Leaf (formerly Operation Concern), 1853 Market St. Men of all ages welcome. Facilitated by Kirk Hinman, PhD. Info: 626-7000.

Community United Against Violence
Begins training Volunteer Counselors on their 24-hour crisis line. Call Nhu at 777-5500.

Connections
Is a confidential, one-on-one peer support focusing on HIV prevention and for gay men of color, free. Call 356-8114.

Continuum HIV Day Services
An adult day health care facility for people with disabling HIV disease, located in the Tenderloin. Medical services, counseling, therapy, meals, activities. 241-5500.

Davies Med. Center
Free classes for HIV+ people in needlepoint (Tues., Wed.), exercise (Tues., Thurs.), stress reduction (Mon.). Castro at Duboce. Info: 565-6369.

Diabetics
Support group for gay, lesbian and bisexual Type I and Type II diabetics in SF and the East Bay. Info: 865-2933.

Elipase-Peninsula AIDS Services
Support groups, emotional & practical buddy program, food program and case management for PWAs in San Mateo Co. 572-7020.

Eureka Acupuncture & Yoga Center
Offers yoga, massage, low cost acupuncture. 301 Eureka. 648-2215.

FABRIC
A support/social group for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and questioning Asian and Pacific Islander youth 25-under, has drop-in every Tues., 6-8pm. GCHP, 30 Pearl St. 575-3939, x318/x504.

Friends
A new group for gay and bisexual men, meets alternating Tuesdays, 7:30pm at Pride Center, 200 5th St., Santa Rosa. (707) 524-7373.

Gay Fathers Support Network
Of Santa Rosa meets first Sun. of every month, 7pm. Info: Mark (707) 523-6941.

Gay/Lesbian Legal Referral Service
Seeks gay-sensitive law students as Law Clerks, one 3-hr. shift/week at GLRS office, Oakland. Info: 621-3900.

Gay Young Spirit
A new spiritual/social group for gay men in their 20s & 30s, meets alternate Tues., 7:15pm, in SF. Call 703-7181.

G40+ Club
A social group for gay/bi men 40 and over, meets 1st & 3rd Sundays every month, 2pm. Call 552-1997.

Golden Gate Flyers
Gay, lesbian and bisexual, private and professional pilots. Call for upcoming events: 995-4938.

Healing Alternatives Foundation
Maintains public HIV/AIDS Treatment & Resource Library. Also Buyer's Club for health products, open Tues.-Sat. 1748 Market St. Info: 626-4053.

Healing Circle
Community and emotional support for anyone facing life challenges, HIV, cancer. Thursdays, 7pm. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St. 469-9950.

Health Support Services
For PWAs and their caregivers, Wednesdays 6-9pm, Marin Treatment Center, 1466 Lincoln Ave., San Rafael. Registration: 457-3755.

HIV Advocacy Network
Grassroots organizing project of SF AIDS Foundation: phone/fax free action alerts, government lobbying, HIV Policy Watch newsletter. 487-3034.

HIV Care
Offers the latest clinical trials from the AmFAR community-based trial network and private industry, free to participants. Info: Sher Vieira, 353-6215.

HIV Positive Drop-in Group
Free, every Tues., 7pm. MCC-SF, 150 Eureka. 863-4434.

HIV Positive Youth Group
18-25, meets every Wed., 7pm. ARIS, 1550 The Alameda, Suite 100, San Jose. (408) 293-2747.

Immune Enhancement Project
Treats persons with HIV-related illness using a program of traditional Chinese medicine and herbal supplements. Info: 252-8711.

INVENTION
Sponsors support groups for HIV negative men Tues. evenings, 7:30pm. MCC, 150 Eureka. 522-1785.

Iris Center
Women's counseling and recovery services for women with HIV, no/low fee. 333 Valencia St. Info: 864-2364.

Instituto Laboral de la Raza
Helps low income and unemployed workers with labor issues, union organizing, family support. 431-7522.

MWM
A rap group for gay/bi Asian Pacific Islander men and their partners. Wed. nights, 6-8pm. Asian AIDS Project, 785 Market, Suite 420. 227-0946.

Most Holy Redeemer AIDS Support Group
Provides in-home practical and emotional support, free, to PWAs. For services or to volunteer, call 863-1581.

Q Action
Work with other queer boys to stop HIV transmission among young gay and bi men. Info: 431-2ACT.

Qi Gong for Health
1st per class. Mon., Wed., 5:30pm. 50 Oak St., 3rd fl. 255-0265.

Quan Yin Healing Arts Center
Acupuncture, Chinese herbal therapies, massage for those with HIV, hepatitis, PMS, menopause or high stress. Mon.-Sat. 1748 Market. 861-4964.

Richard M. Cohen Residence
SF's first assisted-living residence for people disabled by AIDS, needs volunteers (call 558-0503) and household donations (call Wayne April, 282-6209).

Richmond Area Multi-Services in SF
Offers low fee counseling/psychotherapy services to sexual minorities, people with HIV/AIDS. Support/therapy groups for family/loved ones of PWAs in English, Russian, Cantonese, Vietnamese. 668-5955.

Shanti Project's Latino Program
Specifically serves Latino men, women, adolescents and children infected with and affected by HIV. Provides help with emotional peer counseling and practical support. For more information, call 864-CARE. Info: 476-3902.

Gay rep outed

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finition adopted by others." Arizona recently passed a law promoted by Christian conservatives that defines marriage as between one man and one woman.

He criticized those "who have decided that their disagreement with this particular vote warrants their making public information about my private life—information they may have heard second- or third-hand about my sexual orientation.

"That I am a gay person has never affected the way that I legislate," the statement continued. "The fact that I am gay has never, nor will it ever, change my commitment to represent all of the people of Arizona's Fifth District."

Kolbe's statements asserting his privacy and decrying pressure from activists reflect both personal beliefs and sound politics. It helps downplay the perceptions of being seen as a "gay activist" by voters. But in fact the "outing" seems to have provided the opportunity he was looking for to make the statement. For the past three or four months he had discussed how to publicly break that news, with newly-openly gay Congressman Steve Gunderson (R-Wisconsin) and his life partner Rob Morris.

"Jim wanted to come out," says Morris. "He just couldn't possibly fathom what would be the right way to do it. For anybody doing this on such a public scale it is always a difficult leap."

'Right to privacy?'

Arizona Republicans rallied behind Kolbe. Senator John McCain, mentioned as a possible vice presidential running mate with Bob Dole, issued a strong personal statement of support. He called the Representative's legislative record "genuinely exceptional." The people of the 5th District "could have no more able and decent advocate than Jim Kolbe."

"Jim, although he is a public servant, retains the right to some privacy in his personal life. Jim deserves, and I hope he will receive from all of us, the same courtesy and decency with which he has always treated us."

Human Rights Campaign (HRC) political director Daniel Zingale said they "applaud his action and look forward to continuing to work with him on issues of mutual concern." It rated Kolbe's votes as a 43 in 1993 and a 60 in 1994, the last years for which they rated Congressmen. The Christian Coalition's rating for Kolbe was, however, higher: 86 percent.

"The most effective way to educate Republican members of Congress is to have effective, intelligent, and respected colleagues who are openly gay," said David

Greer, spokesman for Log Cabin Republicans. "We are sure that by his very presence on the Hill, Jim Kolbe will continue to dispel myths and stereotypes."

Log Cabin rated him at 92 for the 1995 session of Congress. It cited his sponsorship of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, the Ryan White CARE Act, and support of AIDS funding.

David Blais, administrative director of the Arizona Human Rights Fund, was "really pleased that Kolbe has taken this step in the coming out process." He realizes that "some people are going to give Kolbe a lot of flack if he doesn't vote 100 percent on our issues." He didn't think that coming out would significantly affect Kolbe's reelection.

Gay caucus time?

The queen of political outing, Michael Petrelis, was stunned. "Oh my god," he said, "I think this is great." He wasted no time offering a further suggestion: "I think it is time to form a Congressional gay and lesbian caucus."

But he raised a question: "Just a few weeks ago he was voting the wrong way (on DoMA). What's the process now, do we forgive him? Because Kolbe becomes an instant gay leader." The congressman may dispute both that characterization and any need for forgiveness.

Kolbe, 54, graduated from Northwestern University and holds an MBA from Stanford. He was first elected to the Arizona state senate in 1976. He lost his first race in 1982 for the U.S. House of Representatives district, which encompasses most of Tucson and southern Arizona. But he came back to win in 1984 by 6,204 votes and has won reelection five times, often by margins of 2 to 1 or more.

He is one of the more senior members of the Appropriations and Budget committees, and has made free trade and local environmental issues the focus of his work. His record is that of a Republican moderate who embraces the "big tent" concept of the party.

Despite strong popularity among his colleagues and the voters, Kolbe passed up opportunities to run for open seats for Governor in 1990 and for Senator in 1994. He also lost a 1994 bid for a House leadership position, the Republican Conference, to a more conservative member. Some have speculated that his being gay and closeted were factors in those decisions.

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME FILE NO. 979669
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO, in the matter of the application of RINA DOLORES DIAZ for change of name. The application of RINA DOLORES DIAZ for change of name, having been filed in

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO, in the matter of the application of GEORGE ALBERT SYNKOWSKI for change of name. The application of GEORGE ALBERT SYNKOWSKI for change of name, having been filed in Court, and it appearing from said application that GEORGE ALBERT SYNKOWSKI has filed an application proposing that HIS name be change to DUANE CARTER. Now, therefore, it is hereby ordered and directed, that all persons interested in said matter do appear before this Court in Department X-4 on the 9th day of September, 1996, at 9:00 o'clock AM, of said day to show cause why the application for change of name should not be granted. It is further ordered that a copy of the Order be published in the BAY AREA REPORTER, a newspaper of general circulation, printed in said county, at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the day of said hearing. Dated this 30th day of July, 1996.
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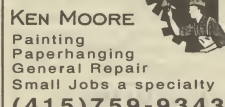
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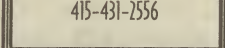
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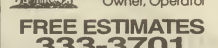
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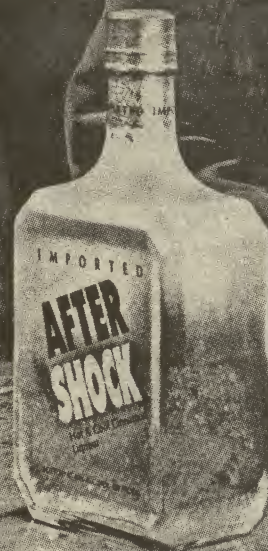
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This Side of Butch is Karla Carmony, Amy Boyd and Fontana Butterfield.

This Side of Butch *imagines the world as lesbian enclave*

Through a glass lesbian

by Gary Morris

When the lights go dim, the three stars of *This Side of Butch* — Amy Boyd, Karla Carmony, and Fontana Butterfield — burst onto the small stage at Josie's dressed as "the queer youth of America." In a number reminiscent of "Up With People" (they actually mention this hoary artifact of '60s middle-class optimism), the scruffily-dressed trio offers its "tribute to homosexuality." This brief bit has a nervous, frantic energy and slapstick style that is typical of the production, as if the group is working extra hard to connect with and please the audience, even when the material isn't always up to snuff.

This Side of Butch is an intermittently funny multimedia, multi-gendered series of sketches, a kind of broadly comic wish-fulfillment fantasy of the world as a

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Pittman retrospective is an orgy of glorious desserts

Hope and glamour

by Glen Helfand

As I wandered recently through painter Lari Pittman's almost overwhelming mid-career retrospective at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, I overheard a young Latino guard engaging in some surprisingly revealing art talk with a couple of foxy high school girls. "You know, I really like these, except there are too many penises in them," he pondered. "But the artist is gay, so I guess it's cool."

Overhearing this bit of commentary made me realize that Pittman, a 44-year-old Los Angeles-based painter who traffics in totally queer territory, has appeal beyond a gay audience. Pittman's large-scale canvases are extra-rich affairs bursting with lurid color, androgynes, campy wallpaper patterns, male couples, evacuating assholes, glitter-encrusted Jockey shorts, delicately dismembered penises and a recurring, yin/yang-like imprint of the number "69." To call his vision "fruity" would be absolutely appropriate, even encouraged. It's a term Pittman himself has used to describe his work.

While the artist's work would seem to fit into a marginal category, in this touring museum show, Pittman gets some art world respect. He comes across as a hard-working, sometimes dazzling painter with a vivid imagination. The paintings included in this show, which date from 1982 to 1995, reveal a steady refinement of his fruity iconography and dizzyingly complex compositions.

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This Wholesomeness, Beloved and Despised, Continues Regardless, by Lari Pittman

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OUT THERE

by Chris Culwell
and Pithy Galore

Has the prying open of the celluloid closet had any impact on Hollywood yet? That's the question explored in a thoughtful piece in the August 9 *Entertainment Weekly*.

The question is pertinent considering that **Peter Lefcourt's** *The Dreyfus Affair*, a celebrated novel about a gay professional baseball player who falls in love with a teammate, has yet to make it to the screen, despite the efforts of megastars **Barbra Streisand**, **Jodie Foster**, singer **Garth Brooks** (yes, it's true) and others.

Disney's Touchstone Pictures, which has twice attempted to develop *The Dreyfus Affair* only to reject it twice, told EW that its decision to nix the project once and for all "isn't political." But with other gay-themed projects taking off — namely *The Normal Heart*, thanks mostly to **Richard Dreyfuss'** interest in starring — Touchstone's lack of follow-through seems dubious. EW suggests Touchstone's reticence is telling of a new trend in Hollywood, in which queer-themed flicks are being pursued with unprecedented zeal but rejected if they don't reflect proven formulas, such as those that shape megahits *Philadelphia* and *The Birdcage*, two films that, despite their gay elements, drew stubbornly close to convention.

Still, despite the deep freeze on *The Dreyfus Affair*, EW says there are at least 30 other queerish flicks in the works in Hollywood, including: *Lovelace*, *Valour!*, *Compensation*, which will star *Seinfeld's* **Jason Alexander**, who took over when nervous *Neil Patrick Harris* dropped out; *Angels in America*, now under the direction of **P.J. Hogan** (*Muriel's Wedding*), not **Robert Altman**; Paramount's *In & Out*, starring **Kevin Kline**, about an actor who outs a small-town teacher in his Oscar acceptance speech; and, finally, *The Mayor of Castro Street*, the forever-in-limbo biopic on **Harvey Milk**, which, this summer, fell back into the hands of director **Gus van Sant**.

Put a lid on it

After reading of **Tom Cruise's** decision last week to sue a German magazine over a remark about the actor's "zero sperm count," we decided to exercise a little editorial caution. Guess that means we can't tell you everything we know about a certain **big-nosed bisexual actress** (name is almost identical to that of a famous stage actress) who is carrying on a torrid affair with one of Hollywood's most powerful female executives. We'd love to tell all, but it suffices to say that love



Matthew McConaughey in *A Time To Kill*.

apparently has many rewards, for the actress has reportedly convinced Miss Exec to finance her next film project, a biopic on the life of **Phyllis Diller**. Ugh.

Into the Doldrums

Funny how **Bob Tax-Cuts-for-Votes-Dole** can't get anything right. The "Antique Republican Pen-Holder" was in Hollywood last week extolling the virtues of *Independence Day*, say-

ing how the film sets a fine example for Hollywood to follow because it's "good clean fun." This was mildly amusing to us as it's obvious Bob hasn't heard any of those rumors about the film's producing-directing team — **Roland Emmerich** and **Dean Devlin** — being megapoofters. It sort of makes sense, though, considering how no one in charge of the picture has the brakes on **Harvey Fierstein's** unremittingly queeny performance.

No doubt Dole wouldn't have felt quite so well-disposed toward *ID* had his "flunkies" told him about Emmerich's first film, *StarGate*, starring **Kurt Russell** and **Jaye Davidson**, who played *The Crying Game's* transvestite protagonist.

Cute ain't enough

In case you haven't noticed, **Matthew McConaughey** IS GOING TO BE A MAJOR STAR. Or so screams every major puff piece his Warner's publicists have wormed into print. But there are dissenters. **Terrence Rafferty** of *The New Yorker* finds the *A Time to Kill* star unable to "carry this huge, unwieldy movie on his untested charisma."

Not that director **Joel Schumacher** didn't try. He gives McConaughey's handsome visage the most loving caresses since **James**

much marriage has done for him? The latest was in the "Loose Lips" (indeed) section of the *New York Daily News*, which quotes him on his bedtime habits. "I'm a cuddler; at some point during the night **Kelly [Preston]** and I break apart and in the morning we come back together. Before Kelly, sleeping with someone in the same bed was, like, well, can't we just have separate beds? Then once I got with Kelly, I liked it better than being alone." We're so happy for you, John.

Elsewhere in the *News*, **Travolta** discusses a recent project he bailed out of. Seems **Roman Polanski** (ever the perv) wanted him to do a nude scene. But **Travolta** said no, that since he'd never done one before he certainly wasn't going to do one "now that I'm fat." Someone really has got to help this poor man learn to accept himself as he really is.

Closet case remembered

Someone else who had a hard time facing the music about himself was gay actor **Tony Perkins**, whose full story will finally be told when Dutton releases *Split Image: The Life of Anthony Perkins* in September. Advance word has it that the book digs deep into the troubled psyche of the star of *Psycho* and *Green Mansions*, and doesn't shy away from specifics about Perkins' double life as a gay man in Hollywood, his years in psychoanalysis, sudden marriage to **Marisa Berenson's** sister, and death from AIDS in 1992.

'Tricks' is for drag


There ought to be a cabaret-cum-sanitarium in town for all of the **alcoholic wannabe drag queens** out there who insist on

performing whenever and wherever they decide they have an overwhelming need to channel **Bette, Joan, Vivien** et. al. We say this only because last Friday night at Moby Dick we witnessed a horrid spectacle that made our skin crawl: **Portia and Sophie Caplethwaite** pinned against the wall by a **besotted bleach-blond in a dingy housecoat** who forced the sisters to listen to her pathetic imitation of **Liz Taylor** in *Butterfield 8*.

Though **Portia** and **Sophie** are not usually given to suffering fools, this nauseating spectacle continued for quite some time, there being no end to the swillpot's enthusiasm for resurrecting Hollywood casualties. Finally, though, just before the dipsomaniac was to launch into a number from *Summerstock*, **Sophie** announced, "I hate **Judy Garland**," after which the gin-hound packed up her Big Tent 'O Stiffs and shuffled off into the night wearing a face longer than the uncut version of **Sergei Bondarchuk's** *War and Peace*.

Well, **Sophie**, we hear, wants to apologize for being so cruel to Miss Housecoat and recommend that she perhaps direct her facility for personifying the dead to **Tricks**, a new Saturday night drag and genderfuck cabaret opening at the Stardust Lounge (299 Ninth St.) on August 10. **Tricks** will feature drag waitresses who serve dinner in the early part of the evening and floor shows starting at 11 p.m. Guests on opening night will include **Jade**, **Trauma Flintstone**, **Marc Sargent** and others. Genderfuck attire is encouraged. We hope to see Miss Housecoat there. For more information, call 331-9595 ext. 300. ▼





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New York's Obie Award-winning performance ensemble The Five Lesbian Brothers return to Rhino with *Brides of the Moon*, a political satire that has The Brothers playing an all-woman space team on a top secret mission.

Danny Scheie, director of last season's hit *The Desk Set*, will take aim at homophobia in Hollywood in Keith Curran's *The Stand-In*. A cast of ten actors plays 50 roles in this farce by the author of *Walking the Dead*.

Adele Prandini (above) will direct the season finale, *The Big Drag*, by Chris Leeder and Sean Owens, described by the authors as "a 1940s noirish work about a cross-dressing female detective operating in San Francisco's seedy underworld of con artists, blackmailers and florists." ▼



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This Side of Butch

◀ Arts cover

lesbian enclave. To this end, the "three wacky gals" rework a wide range of cultural references — TV commercials ("Lesbian Foods International"), Broadway shows, the inner child, movies, and the British royal family.

Psychotherapy and 12-step programs get trounced in several sketches, most successfully in "The 50-minute Hour" (nice title), in which "Donna" (Carmony) expresses her psychological torment by doing gymnastic contortions around her chair. "Dr. Rita James" (Butterfield) has some clever lines here, especially when her space is being invaded and she screams, "Boundaries, Donna!" Less interesting is the bald 12-step satire "Adult Children of Royalty," in which the actors' sometimes declamatory style proves more grating than amusing.

Live numbers are mixed with videos, sometimes to startling effect. "Cindy Crawfish" (Boyd) guest-hosts an MTV-style fashion show that features "daily affirmations underwear" and "the inner-child playsuit." Boyd's extremely malleable face (she narrates the live fashion show from a huge video screen) and husky voice bring the models — Carmony's "Margaret the Management Executive" is one — vividly to life. The navel-gazing attitudes of the New Age are again targeted, as Cindy sweetly says, "Proudly express your personal boundaries ... I'm here ... accept me," which is quickly followed up by the vicious, "but stay outta my space!"

Some targets are already so kitschy and self-conscious that it may be impossible to send them up. That's the case with *The Love Connection*, an overlong, too obvious dyke recasting of the TV show from the '70s. The sketch is redeemed only by Boyd's wonderfully mindless impersonation of Martina Navratilova, one of *Love Connection*'s guests.



Endearing energy.

'West Dyke Story'

Substituting "gay" or "dyke" for similar-sounding words in the lyrics of mainstream tunes is an old gay game most of us have played, and the Butch gals base several numbers on the idea. We get pop standards ("Gay by Day"), hymns ("Glory, Glory Hallelujah, yeah, we're gay, what's it to ya?"), and virtually the entire libretto of *West Side Story*. Leonard Bernstein's famous musical becomes the show's longest, most ambitious sequence, *West Dyke Story*, with all the songs suitably transformed. Most inspired is "Tonight," which becomes "This Dyke," sung with surprising beauty by the butch Boyd, who gets the best line redo: "Each day the minutes seem like hours, the hours go so slowly," which becomes "I like

the big muscles and you've got 'em. I'll finally be a bottom." The line is punctuated by Boyd bending over and sticking out her ass.

Where *This Side of Butch* works, it's because of the endearing energy of its stars — especially Boyd — rather than the script, which often misfires. Some judicious pruning (and please, get rid of the video display that shows the tracking icon, play, and stop functions onstage; it compromises the verisimilitude) and beefing up of the stronger routines could make this a first-rate show. ▼

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TELEVISION

The unfestival

The Living Room Festival returns to KQED

by Gary Morris

Sartre must have been thinking of film festivals when he said, "Hell is other people." The manic crowds, overwrought filmmakers, and frenzied p.r. types all contribute to an experience that, while not exactly Boschian, has a touch of nightmare about it. KQED, rightly criticized lately for its middlebrow programming, offers a refreshing alternative: a film fest in your living room. Beginning August 9, and continuing over consecutive Friday nights, The Living Room Festival will offer a wide range of short films (55 in all) categorized and combined into one-hour shows. Best of all, you can turn it off whenever you please.

As with most such events in the Bay Area, this one has a significant gay component, but the results are mixed. The "Poetry Film Workshop" hour (August 23) features two well-known local gay filmmakers, the infamous George Kuchar and poet James Broughton. *Wild Night in El Reno* is one of Kuchar's lesser works, a paean to the natural landscape outside a small town in Oklahoma. More remarkable — in fact it's one of the best films in the festival, gay or straight — is Broughton's *The Water Cycle*, a Whitmanesque celebration of nature and sensuality read over the film by the director himself.

Moving down a few generations from these dowagers, we have Nisha Ganatra's *Junky Punky Girls* (September 6), a mildly amusing take on cross-cultural tensions, with a young Indian woman quarreling with her whining mother over how to pierce her nose, and finding solace in her dyke pals. Trac Vu's *The First Year* (September 27) covers similar territory, detailing with shaky camera and vérité lighting the director's adjustment to moving from Vietnam to the U.S., where he discovers John Rechy and teenage lust at the local K-Mart. Lisa Hayes' satirical *Dike* (August 30) also has its share of teenage lust, but the lead character is thwarted by torrents of sweat from her armpits that even sponges and maxipads can't staunch. Annabelle Murphy's *Margaret Star* (September 20) shows the wrestling ring as an unexpected transformative space for frustrated dykes.

Actions Speak Louder Than Words (September 13) is a crash course in the loves of British gay people who are also deaf. Richard Kwietniowski's charming subjects find unexpected links between the two, with one crucial difference. As one woman says, "The deaf can't hide — they're OUT!"

The homo highlight of The Living Room Festival is Liza Johnson's riveting "faux documentary" *Good Sister/Bad Sister* (August 9). Courtney Love's mother worked as a therapist for jailed '60s radical (and sometimes lesbian) Katharine Anne Powers, and Johnson uses this bizarre "triangle" to analyze everything from mother-daughter relations to pop and New Age culture. This is a

rare example of a "re-enactment" that succeeds, mostly because of Johnson's skill in evoking ultra-realistic performances from the three principals. ▼

The Living Room Festival runs throughout August and September on Friday nights at 11 p.m. on KQED-9.

SCHEDULE

The following titles are in the first week of programming for the 1996 Living Room Festival, beginning Friday, August 9.

2001: Imagine by Junhwan Chang — A Korean boy believes himself the reincarnation of John Lennon and attempts to model his life after the late rock star.

New Fangled by George Griffin — The sound bite and the icon are central to this animated send-up of the advertising world.

Notes from a Black Virtual Reality by Kwame Yao Anku — Set to Langston Hughes' poem I, Too, this tour de force public service announcement examines how African-American men are judged according to their clothing.

Good Sister/Bad Sister by Liza Johnson — This faux documentary examines the sister-like connection between rock star Courtney Love and underground political fugitive Katherine Anne Powers, who are linked through Love's mother, who was Powers' therapist.



Margaret Star: A Fall From Grace, airs on KQED September 20th.

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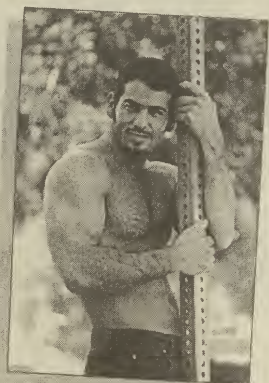
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Body and soul

Nicholas Roeg's *Two Deaths*

by Gary Morris

Nicholas Roeg's new film opens with images of disconnected body parts — a man's leg washed by an unseen female attendant, a fish ripped open by a cook's hands. The leg washing is particularly unsettling, for we can't tell if its owner is dead or alive. This sense of the mystery of the body runs throughout *Two Deaths*, and seems especially appropriate given the film's setting in Romania, 1989, when the Ceausescu regime was undergoing violent collapse. In the film, the body is an increasingly defenseless target, threatened by soldiers and police externally, and internally by its own drive for self-destruction.

On the eve of the revolution, four old friends meet at the mansion of Dr. Daniel Pavenic (Michael Gambon) for their annual reunion. His housekeeper, Ana (Sonia Braga), is a puzzling fifth presence, moving in and out of rooms without speaking, appearing suddenly from a dark corner. Pavenic's friends, like himself, are bourgeois professionals, and all four men describe in detail their tortured relationships with women. The kindly Carl (Ion Caramitru) is endlessly cuckold-

ed and then deserted by his wife; nervous hysteric George (Patrick Malahide) seems to be tormented by the death of his wife; masochistic Marius (Nickolas Grace) hires prostitutes to whip and piss on him. Pavenic, a ruthless womanizer in his youth, has the strangest story to tell. Years before, he fell desperately in love with Ana — "I wanted to devour her," he says. In a series of flashbacks, we see him stalking her, trying to kill her fiancé, and, finally, striking a lethal bargain in which she agrees to become his housekeeper if he will care for her paralyzed fiancé.

Roeg reveals in sickening close-up the details of this agreement — Pavenic's degradation and rape of the unwilling Ana, her eventual masochistic submission, their mutual destruction of a son ("the fetus," he calls it). Pavenic is a decadent aesthete whose desires dominate his life: "I want to experience everything that people call sexual," he says. "She filled me — she filled my brain with her own image. I had to drive her out." He "drives her out" by transforming their relationship into an endless series of sadomasochistic rituals. Pressing on these disturbing revelations is the chaos outside, which moves increasingly closer. Pavenic's cook

is killed, a young woman whose face is ripped open is brought to him for help, and Pavenic and his guests are assaulted by student-soldiers who insist that someone is shooting at them from the top of his house.

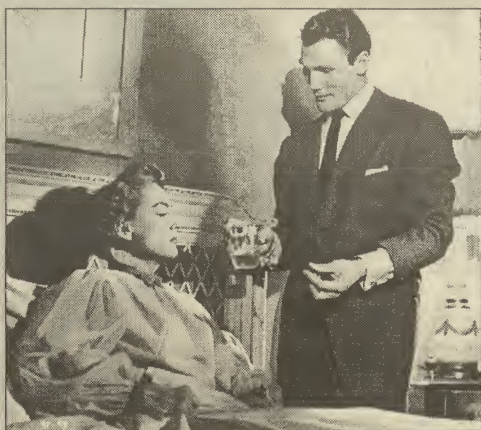
Two Deaths recalls the dark landscapes of Polanski's *Bitter Moon* and Paul Schrader's *The Comfort of Strangers* (but without Schrader's Calvinist self-loathing). Not surprisingly, Roeg's film brilliantly inhabits the same paranoid space as his other films, including his 1970 *Performance*, with the addition here of a degree of physical gore rarely seen outside horror movies. Pavenic's party triggers a successive stripping away of the protections of mind and body, as the characters are forced to come to grips with the unsettling hidden truths of their lives. Marius speaks for the filmmaker when, justifying his patronage of a whore who degrades him, he says simply, "I know who I am." In Roeg's view, our desires, however perverse or anti-social, are the only things that define us, and even they don't last. ▼

Two Deaths opens August 9 at the Roxie Cinema, 3125 16th St. Call 431-3611 for information.

Jack and Joan battle by the Bay

In 1952, after nine years, Joan Crawford left Warners, where she had dethroned Bette Davis as Queen of the Lot. Declaring herself an "independent star," she went to RKO for a thriller, *Sudden Fear*, set and shot mostly in San Francisco. It's cleverly plotted, darkly atmospheric, and features one of Joan's most intense, operatic performances. (For two big scenes, she reverts to silent screen technique, rolling her eyes and grimacing or trembling in wild-eyed terror.) She was rewarded with her third (and last) Oscar nomination, losing to Shirley Booth in *Come Back, Little Sheba*.

Oscar-nominated Jack Palance co-stars, as does Gloria Grahame, that year's Best Supporting Actress (for *The Bad and the Beautiful*). Her cool *femme fatale* steals this film, too. (Marilyn's fans won't agree, but I find Grahame the most interesting blonde of the fifties.) The movie also received Oscar nominations for cinematography and costume design. It was such a smash that MGM asked Crawford to come back, nine years after dumping her.

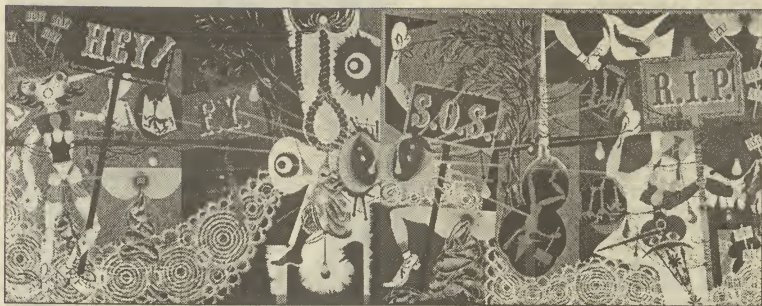


Directed by David Miller, this was the last film Joan single-handedly carried to box-office success.

Sudden Fear is teamed with Barbara Stanwyck's *Sorry, Wrong Number* on Sunday, August 11, at the Castro, as part of its Film Noir series.

—Tavo Amador

ART



A Decorated Chronology of Insistence and Resignation #1, 1992, by Lari Pittman.

Lari Pittman

◀ Arts cover

Pittman's paintings are all about embellishment. He continually tweaks a pop art approach by pulling in an aspect of popular culture that 1960s pop artists barely mined—the gay realm of glitzy interior decoration. In the exhibition catalog, whose cover features pink and baby-blue patterns, curator Howard Fox refers to Pittman's history of aesthetic impulses: As a child the artist dressed up dinner plates with his mother's jewelry, and, later, in art school, expressed his desire to fuse together "surface embellishment and meaning."

The artist has achieved this goal, although meaning lurks beneath the almost stifling adornment. In the epic 1992 painting, "A Decorated Chronology of Insistence and Resignation #1," for example, even piles of shit are artfully bejeweled. Pittman uses this strategy to create a visual heat between opposite impulses: attraction and repulsion, narrative and non-narrative, tight control and chaos, high kitsch and high art, good and bad taste. While Pittman's work violently repels some viewers, the tensions between these various elements often generate fascinating results.

Pittman also seems to pull in lifestyle indicators. In his early, more collage-like work, he includes actual cork board, fabulous faux tuck-and-roll wallpaper and abstract wooden *tchotchkes* to approximate something like the collision of a sofa-sized painting and a coffee-tablescape. Pittman's more

recent work exudes a highly developed, two-dimensional visual iconography of early 1960s theme park architecture, biomorphic abstractions, Victorian silhouettes, calligraphic ejaculations, and credit cards. Most of these items are instantly recognizable to patrons of upscale retro boutiques.

Viewing Pittman's compositions, however, is hardly like a breezy shopping experience. His work is often overpowering and difficult to penetrate. But have patience. After the woozy settles, compositional elements and narrative intentions emerge from these dense, carefully plotted arrangements. Beneath the ornate, confectionary surfaces lie slightly soured but still hopeful depictions of longing and desire.

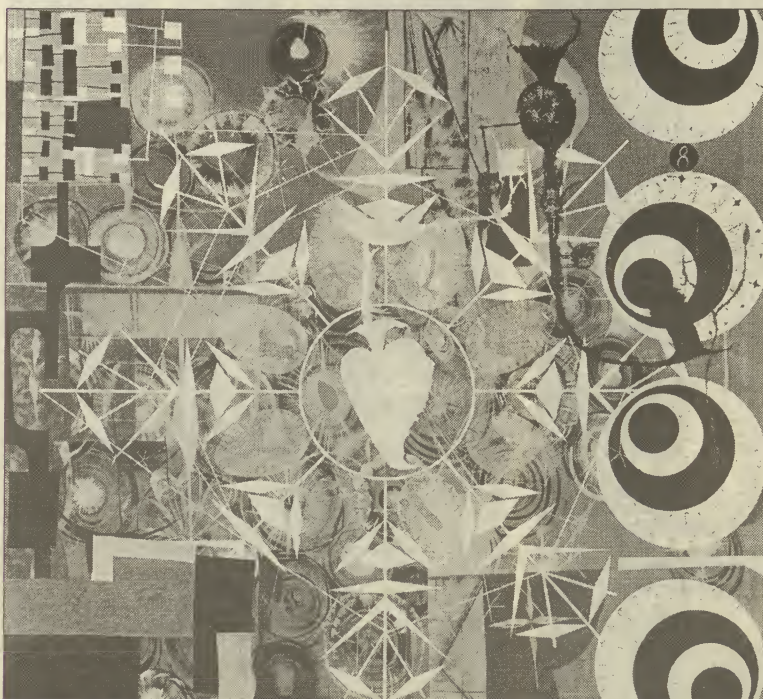
Titles like "This Wholesomeness, Beloved and Despised, Continues Regardless," bring to mind the high melancholy of the best Smiths songs. In the aforementioned painting, Pittman suggests an interconnected vision of emotional outpouring. In the left of the piece, a phallic lighthouse/apartment building showcases various scenarios: men in love, crying children, a dead woman, an artist at work. In the foreground a larger female figure sits in a chair, striking a melodramatic gesture suggesting grief. Within her dress, however, is a large, rather visceral depiction of an onion, perhaps the less romantic cause of her tears.

In many works, Pittman imbues the idea of drop-dead gorgeousness with literal meaning. While AIDS is not a foregrounded issue, its specter looms within Pittman's work. There's a fevered, queasy nature to most of

Pittman's work that cannot help but suggest the current interconnectedness between sex, love and death. Many of the paintings include images of coffins, internal organs and other elements reminiscent of teardrops, cum splatters, or droplets of blood. In more recent works, the Rx pharmacy symbol pops up repeatedly. The nature of these shapes seems to be as much about romantic longing and the hope for a panacea as they are about physical decay.

There's plenty going on in this complex artistic universe, and a little Pittman goes a long way. In the last gallery, a 26-foot-long 1995 painting titled "Like You" audaciously tackles the life-during-wartime nature of current gay identity. In this exhibition, one that can feel like an orgy of glorious desserts, the piece manages to sum up Pittman's ultimate message of glamorous hopefulness. Within this panoramic composition he presents, among other things, squirting breasts, prancing pixies, looming militaristic helicopters with dangling hooks, and a textual admission of "an overwhelming sadness." But with a sense of queer gusto, Pittman offers words to live by painted in a Bible-like book: "Go Girl! Grab it by the tail!" It's a sentiment that Pittman definitely abides by. ▼

Lari Pittman's retrospective is on display at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art through September 8; at Houston's Contemporary Arts Museum November 1 through January 5; and at the Corcoran Gallery in Washington, D.C. in February 1997.



Out of the Frost, 1986, by Lari Pittman.

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Jackie Chan gets a makeover in Supercop

New and improved

by Gary Morris

Supercop is the second crucial step, after *Rumble in the Bronx*, in the repackaging of Asian superstar Jackie Chan for American audiences. Earlier attempts to do this date back to the '70s, when, in spite of the domestic craze for kung-fu fare, Jackie was deemed unmarketable. Now, in 1996, his English has improved to the point where American audiences can understand him, production values are better, and, most important, there is a sense that the current repackages are, with a few significant missteps, willing to let Jackie be Jackie.

Formerly released in 1992 as *Police Story III*, *Supercop* features Jackie as "Kevin Chan," a Hong Kong "supercop" who teams up with mainland Director Yang (Michelle Khan) to infiltrate and bust a gang of heroin smugglers, led by the maniacal Chaibat (Ken Tsang) and his brother Panther (Yuen Wah). After rescuing Panther from prison, Jackie gains the confidence of Chaibat and, along with his "sister" Michelle, is made part of the gang. In one of the film's best set pieces, Jackie and Michelle are caught in the crossfire of a drug war in a Thai jungle clearing. Typical of Hong Kong action films, the rivals are ridiculously overarmed, with everything from tanks and helicopters to grenades and M-16s. But — also

typical — in spite of the nonstop explosions in this sequence, director Stanley Tong manages to isolate individual confrontations in the midst of chaos. Here, Michelle Khan shows herself equal to Jackie, the film's razor-sharp editing highlighting her brilliantly balletic skill in dispatching her enemies and, in a comic mishap, even Jackie.

Jackie and Michelle impress Chaibat so much that he enlists their help in rescuing his wife from a Singapore prison. He's eager to get her out as she holds the key to his fortune in a Swiss bank. This is complicated by the appearance of Jackie's Hong Kong girlfriend May (Maggie Cheung), a tour guide who's staying in the same hotel as Jackie but knows nothing of his activities. Director Tong deftly exploits the humor in Jackie's desperate attempts to keep her ignorant of what he's doing without losing her forever. The situation is further complicated when Chaibat learns who Jackie and Michelle really are and kidnaps May and offers her to Jackie in exchange for his wife.

Spectacular stunts

The rescue of Chaibat's wife is one of the great passages in Hong Kong cinema, an exhilarating resolution of all the film's subplots — the destruction of Chaibat and his empire, the recapturing of his wife, the threat against May and her rescue, and the triumph of

Jackie and Michelle. This sequence is punctuated by a dazzling array of stunts involving almost every known mode of transportation, from helicopters, cars and vans to motorbikes and trains. Jackie gets around by dangling at the bottom of a rope ladder hanging from a helicopter, whose pilot attempts to shake Jackie loose by knocking him into buildings and through billboards. Jackie's extraordinary aerial stunts are matched by Michelle when she guides her motorbike onto the speeding train.

As in most Hong Kong action films, allegiances can shift radically, and we see this in the fight, on top of a train, between Michelle and Chaibat's wife. When the latter falls between cars and risks being crushed, Michelle saves her, one of several softening moments in this violent and terrifying — terrifying because the stunts are real — sequence.

Purists will question the cuts and additions made for the American version of *Supercop*. Dubbing is poor, aside from Jackie and Michelle, who did their own. A sequence establishing the basis for Jackie's assignment, along with shots of white women injecting heroin, was cut. In this version, Jackie and his girlfriend improbably listen to gangsta rap! The opening credits are an awkward techno-psychedelic melange of images, the very antithesis of Jackie Chan's very human charms. And the closing is no better, with



Jackie Chan in *Supercop*.

Tom Jones bellowing the '70s kitsch hit "Kung Fu Fighting" over the bloopers, and Devo closing out the credits.

Ultimately, these stumbles don't work seriously against the charms of *Supercop*. With the film's apparent success we can per-

haps finally look forward to the day when Schwarzenegger, Stallone, and other big-titted, action-hero monstrosities are supplanted by the thrilling Mr. Chan. ▼

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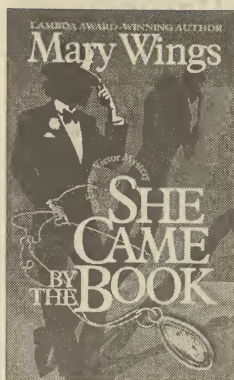
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Fear of disclosure

by Deborah Peifer

She Came by the Book by Mary Wings; Berkeley Prime Crime, \$21.95

Mary Wings is one of those writers I want to like a lot more than I do. Her skill with words is undeniable, but as a mystery writer I think she cheats. She leaves out information that would enable the reader to perhaps solve the mystery. I'm not objecting to red herrings or misdirection. I'm talking about a detective who makes an observation but doesn't tell us what it is. As a test, to make sure I wasn't being unfair to Wings, I reread Agatha Christie's *A Murder Is Announced*. You'll note that I said "reread." Actually, I started with the ending, where Miss Marple explains it all to us. That information fresh in my mind, I then read the rest of the novel, and what do you know — every clue that Miss Marple elucidated at the end was included in the body of the text. Of course, Christie knew how to obfuscate artfully, so that a reader would have to exercise great care to solve the mystery. But it was possible. Not so with Wings. Her Emma Victor is a detective who keeps her own counsel, even from the readers, and I call that unfair.

Rant concluded, I will say that *She Came by the Book* is a dark and sometimes funny look at gay and lesbian life in San Francisco. At a party celebrating the opening of the Howard Blooming Lesbian and Gay Memorial Archive, Tracy Port, a wildly unpopular but pow-

erful dyke, is poisoned. She dies a horrible death in front of the most prominent queers in San Francisco, one of whom must have slipped the poison into her *Gratin Dauphinois*. It's up to Emma Victor to unravel the mystery of Tracy's murder, save the Archive, and keep the gays and lesbians of San Francisco from rioting.

Wings skewers pretension with wickedly deft pen. Her description of the lover of martyred gay hero Howard Blooming is razor sharp: "After Howard had been assassinated and a suitable period of mourning had passed, David Stimpson had made himself available for public appearances in Howard's name. He had slipped on the mantle of professional widow like a simple black sheath." Ouch. Wings has a real knack for creating vivid lesbian politics, and the personalities involved ring painfully true. I only wish she had put the same effort into the mystery part of this mystery novel. ▼

Mean streets

by Deborah Peifer

Emerald City Blues by Jean Stewart; Rising Tide, \$11.95

In her earlier science-fiction novels, the Isis series, Jean Stewart took readers to an exotic future world. In her latest novel, *Emerald City Blues*, Stewart travels to an equally unfamiliar setting — to the lives of kids on the street. This is a harrowing tale of young lesbians, girls thrown away by their biological families and disregarded by their lesbian sisters.

Morgan Flynn is a 17-year-old girl who has been abused by her violent father. She finds true love in the arms of Janet — true love that lasts until Janet's mother comes home early one day and discovers them in bed. "I'm not like you," says Janet to the stunned Morgan. "I'm normal." After a beating from dad that is horribly real (as is Morgan's effort to survive it), Morgan heads off to Seattle. Within hours of her arrival, however, she is robbed and in lots of trouble. When she sees another street kid, Reb, being beaten by thugs, Morgan runs to her aid. A partnership based on mutual need and mutual distrust forms.

Stewart does a fine job of ex-

position, as the streetwise Reb explains life on the avenues of Seattle to the naive and battered Morgan. A parallel plot concerning two middle-class lesbians who have been burned too often by love to trust relationships, gives Stewart a chance to explore feelings and fears many of us experience when we encounter runaways. When the parallel plots collide, the possibility for change emerges.

Stewart's writing isn't as didactic as my plot summary suggests. In fact, *Emerald City Blues* is a compelling novel, filled with richly detailed characters and the grit and joy of everyday life. But it's more than well-written fiction. Stewart invites her readers to think and feel about the young lesbians and gay men who populate the margins of our cities, who are preyed upon by the system and by their fellows on the street. In her research for the novel, Stewart learned that 40 percent of Seattle street youth self-identify as gay or lesbian. As one of her characters asks, "What are we in the gay community doing about taking care of our own?" What indeed? ▼

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Journalists Chris Bull and John Gallagher, authors of *Perfect Enemies: the Religious Right, the Gay Movement and the Politics of the 1990s*, will discuss and sign copies of their book on August 19 (7:30 p.m.) at A Different Light Bookstore. *Perfect Enemies* is the culmination of five years of research into the activities of the right-wing, whose continual attacks on gay activism, Bull and Gallagher argue, has thrust gay rights into the current election scene.

Bull is the former Washington correspondent for *The Advocate* and Gallagher is a former reporter for both *Time* magazine and *The Advocate*. For information, call 431-0891. ▼

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New books examine Billy Wilder's career and the Legion of Decency

Wilder times, censorious impulses

by Daniel Mangin

Wilder Times: The Life of Billy Wilder by Kevin Lally; Henry Holt, \$30

Sin and Censorship: The Catholic Church and the Motion Picture Industry by Frank Walsh; Yale University Press, \$30

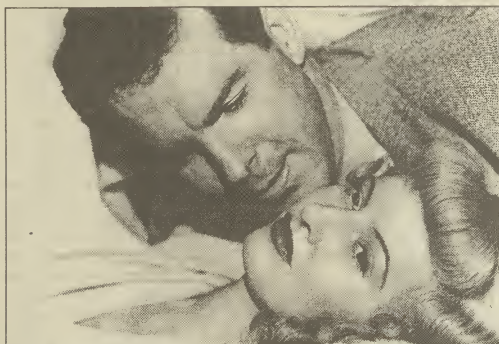
Billy Wilder, who turned 90 this past June, had a three-decade run as one of Hollywood's top-drawer talents. He broke into the business as a writer — an early collaboration was *Ninotchka*, the film in which "Garbo laughs" — and later became the cowriter and director of *The Lost Weekend*, *Sunset Boulevard*, *Some Like It Hot*, and several other classics.

Wilder's willingness to acknowledge life's grubbier aspects in his comedies and dramas struck a chord with moviegoers at home and abroad. The suggestions of adultery and other sexual

larceny in *Double Indemnity* (wife seduces a man into her plot to kill her husband to collect insurance money), *Foreign Affair* (U.S. Army captain shackles up with Nazi mistress), and *Irma La Douce* (Parisian prostitute has affair with man and bears his child out of wedlock) challenged the more idealized portraits of humanity usually required during the years of movie censorship.

That Wilder got away with so much more than many of his colleagues is a tribute to his great wit and clever directing style. Ironically, just as films were beginning to loosen up, Wilder misgauged the censors and his audience with the 1964 *Kiss Me, Stupid* (all manner of sexual suggestion in a farce about an overly jealous man married to the town beauty), and his career began to decline.

Beyond some facts about Wilder's life in his native Austria and in Germany before his 1934 departure for America, *Wilder Times* author Kevin Lally doesn't come up with too much about the



Fred MacMurray and Barbara Stanwyck in Wilder's *Double Indemnity*.

director that hasn't been presented in previous books, including Maurice Zolotow's *Billy Wilder's Hollywood* and Bernard F. Dick's *Billy Wilder*. But he does clear up some discrepancies in Zolotow's account and, like Dick, wisely concentrates on Wilder's work instead of his private life.

Lally intercuts Wilder's 1990s reflections with period commentary and quotes. One comes away from *Wilder Times* with a greater appreciation of the director's standout hits, and Lally makes a strong case for such "overlooked gems" as *Foreign Affair*, the vaguely homoerotic *The Private Life of*

Sherlock Holmes, and the much-maligned *Kiss Me, Stupid*.

As Frank Walsh points out in *Sin and Censorship*, his study of the Catholic Church's influence on American cinema, particularly from the 1930s into the 1960s, Wilder's *Stupid* was among the last films whose condemnation by the Catholic Legion of Decency put a meaningful dent in its box office (that and some nasty reviews in the secular press).

Even stricter than the movie-industry-sponsored Production Code Administration (PCA), the Legion saw in *Stupid* not a "profoundly affecting film" (Joan Didion, writing in *Vogue*) but rather a "patently indecent and immoral" one.

For years Catholics around the country had taken, and in large numbers obeyed, a yearly pledge not to patronize films condemned by the church. But the Legion's influence waned in the 1950s and 1960s, the victim of changing national tastes and the conviction of a new generation of Catholics that they could view sin in the cinema without succumbing to it and that they could decide for themselves what was a moral film and what wasn't.

Walsh's book begins with the years leading up to the Catholic bishops' 1934 ultimatum to producers to clean up the movies or face a boycott and the loss of nearly a third of their box-office receipts (Catholics made up only 20 percent of the U.S. population but were more avid cinema patrons per capita than other groups).

The Legion's administrators didn't think of themselves as censors, but rather as advisors to Catholics on which films they should avoid. Walsh rightly contends that "the result was a national classification system that affected what all Americans saw and didn't see."

In general, since producers submitted all scripts to the PCA and the dicier ones to the Legion (especially when religion or sex was involved), finished films in general required minimal cuts: "a few lines here, a little less cleavage there, and a clear sign that the sinner had been punished usually satisfied the Legion. The real mea-

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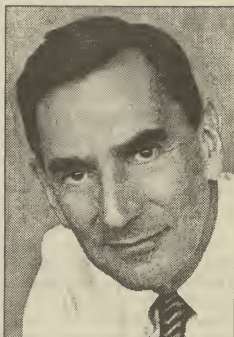
Becoming Gay: The Journey to Self-Acceptance by Richard A. Isay, M.D.; Pantheon books, \$16.95

Becoming Gay: The Journey to Self-Acceptance is a kind of field guide for a vanishing species of white-collar professional, the Freudian psychoanalyst. Richard A. Isay, M.D. defers to the decrees of his master in all but one respect: he rejects Freud's central claim that homosexuality is the result of sexual immaturity, of arrested development, of a failure to evolve beyond the infantile state of polymorphous perversity into the more mature state of wedded heterosexual bliss. In all other respects, however, Isay is an obedient Freudian, and his sole objection to the Austrian Professor's official creed bears a striking resemblance to the qualms of a disgruntled Catholic who believes in the ordination of women or abortion rights all the while subscribing wholeheartedly to the pontiff's equally irrational edicts.

If Isay's description of his experiences counseling gay patients is any indication, psychoanalysis is not therapy but a primitive religion posing as a science. He offers complex explanations for simple problems, subjecting dreams in particular to a form of Byzantine

literary criticism. He interprets one gay man's nightmare about being trapped in a leaky tunnel as an expression of his "fear of loss of control of his bladder and bowels," and another patient's dream about a man's dick as an expression of his subconscious longing for Isay himself, whose first name is — the evidence is incontrovertible — Dick. As usual in Freudian analysis, every problem is traced back to the same origin: Mom and Pop and the nasty things that happened in the woodshed and the terrible, terrible emotional scars inflicted on junior when, frightened in the night, he pushed open the door of the master bedroom and saw Daddy hurting Mommy while thrashing around in *flagrante delicto*.

When Isay is not fulfilling his major duty as a Freudian, that of concocting the improbable fairy tales of a filthy-minded allegorist, he conscientiously instills in his readers uplifting messages about the necessity of forming "a positive sexual identity," celebrating one's difference from straight society, and avoiding "poor self-regard" through "self-esteem enhancement." The book is a compendium of human potential truisms, a sermon in which he strokes the egos of men who never seem to tire of hearing the same affirmations of their normality and healthiness whispered in their ears like the endearments of a



Author Richard A. Isay, M.D.

love-sick suitor.

Boosterism is the name of the game in New York publishing, and Isay is certainly no exception among the legions of gay propagandists. An entire industry has evolved simply to convey the message that homosexuality is good and all right, not bad and sick but normal and healthy, that you should not feel ashamed and that you should give yourself a big hug and say to yourself every morning in the mirror, "I'm glad to be Me." For far too long the book trade has provided gay readers with nothing more than the literary equivalent of a warm glow, a soothing linguistic salve for the walking wounded. How long before we grow up and stop basking in the insipid, heartside coziness of these comforting bromides? ▼

Billy Wilder

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sure of its power was in the number of topics and scenes that were never filmed.

The abandoned subjects included such obvious provocations as abortion, adultery, homosexuality, and the glorification of crime, but also politics — questioning capitalism, for instance, or showing Ireland in a bad light (many Catholic bishops and their parishioners were first-, second- or third-generation Irish).

Over at the PCA, the head censor, Catholic layman Joseph Breen, had his disagreements with the Legion, but generally saw it as a useful weapon in his own battles with producers. Breen had some priorities of his own. He nixed any intimation that childbirth could be painful, lest this make impressionable young women shun motherhood. Breen drove *Gone With the Wind* producer David O. Selznick

nuts over Melanie's famous birth scene, ordering shots of Olivia de Havilland gripping a towel and writhing in pain eliminated. Even perspiration was feared too much of a deterrent to maternity (did Breen really believe that women throughout history had been clueless about what giving birth entailed?), though he eventually allowed a few beads of sweat to appear on Melanie's brow in silhouette.

Many of the debates over cinema imagery Walsh recounts seem positively quaint by today's standards, but the author's delineation of the processes of censorship — the posturing, the bigotry (the anti-Semitism of Breen and even some of the bishops is appalling), and the dangers of one group deciding for all what is "moral" — is more chilling. Hollywood remains an easy target for politicians and religious types anxious to rally public support, which makes this tale of cinema past eminently relevant to the present. ▼

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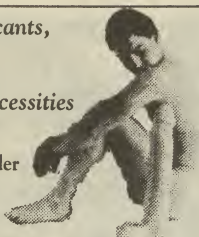
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Five more sashes were handed out on Saturday night, Aug. 3, in Hayward, Calif., and in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Winners in Alameda (who competed at the Turf Club in Hayward) will go on to compete at IML in May 1997 and at IMs.L. in San Diego in July 1997.

In Florida, they named a Florida Drummer Daddy, Florida Drummer Boy and Mr. Florida Drummer. Mr. Drummer and the Drummer Boy will come to San Francisco in September to compete for the international titles at Club Townsend on Saturday, Sept. 28.

Ed Ivey, sponsor of the Drummer weekend in Fort Lauderdale, was basking in triumph at the success of his production. The Fort Lauderdale Eagle, Ramrod and Jungle Club all took part in the events, which saw record crowds at all venues and an SRO sellout at the Vinette Carroll Theatre on Saturday night. This venue is a reconverted Baptist church; the founders would have been rolling in their graves had they seen the proceedings at the Florida Drummer Contest there.

There were three contestants (Clyde Clark, Perry Echelberger and Gerald Shope) Friday night, Aug. 2, at the Ramrod Bar for the Drummer Daddy contest. Meanwhile, across town at the Eagle, six boys were being judged by the Mr. Drummer contestants for the title. It was hectic getting back and forth, but different judges at both competitions got the job done in record time before enthusiastic patrons.

However, Saturday night was the big night. The Vinette Carroll offered theatre-style seats with optimal views and a flawless lighting and sound system. The opening production number, "A Place Where No



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One Can Hear You Scream," was a surreal depiction of life after a holocaust where only leather men survive, and included the Drummer Daddies, Boys and Drummer Men. It garnered a standing ovation.

Earlier that day, the pre-judging intermission took place, and I was hon-



Florida winners (l to r): Drummer Daddy Perry Echelberger, Florida Drummer Boy Bill Karr and Mr. Florida Drummer '96 Bill Masters.

ored to join with outgoing Mr. Florida Drummer Ray Castro, IM Drummer David W.W. Walker, Dennis McCormick of Orlando and Marie Wansiki of Health Link.

Six men competed for the Mr. Florida Drummer title: Jeffrey Adler of Miami, Kevin Coughlin of Fort Lauderdale, Bill Masters of Fort Lauderdale, David "Slakker" Merrill of Orlando, Ty Nolan of Jacksonville and Tony Gallup of Fort Lauderdale.

The show was emceed by former Mr. Florida Drummer Murrell Fox and the delightful "Snowy," both of whom dealt with rowdy spectators and injected humor and quips where necessary. Members of the Lambda Chorale entertained, and the fantasies were unique and very original. The show moved right along, started and ended on time, and the audience gave its approval with loud and prolonged applause.

After the scores were tallied by Steve Shuman and Rick Schultz, the winners of all three competitions were announced: Florida Drummer Daddy is Perry Echelberger of Orlando, a member of the Conquistadors MC; the Drummer Boy is Bill Karr, also of Orlando; and Mr. Florida Drummer '96 is Bill Masters of Fort Lauderdale.

Hayward high jinks

Over in Hayward, there was only one male contestant for the Mr. Alameda County Leather title and three women for Ms. Alameda County Leather. The weekend-long event was well-attended, and big bucks were raised via all the events with all the local celebs in attendance. Daddy Irvin Kane emceed.

The judges (former IMs.L Pat Baille, Intl. Mr. Fantasy J.D. Buchert of Dallas, former IMs.L



The new Ms. Alameda County Leather Victoria (left) and Mr. Alameda County Leather Roger Luttrell.

LEATHER SCENE

EVENTURES IN LEATHER

Weekend, Aug. 7-11

Mr. Northern California Drummer weekend, with action mostly in San Jose. See above for details.

Thursday, Aug. 8

The 15 Association's "Bondage Beer Bust" at Daddy's, 2000-2300, \$6. Emceed by Philip Turner.

Saturday, Aug. 10

Fran Frisch's Leo beer bust/party at Moby Dick's, 2000-2400, \$6 for Elephant Red, door prizes and raffle, benefiting the Godfather Service Fund.

Club Universe celebrates its second anniversary at 177 Townsend, beginning at 2130. Come help Audrey, Ty and the staff. It's only \$2 door cover all night, with Blackstone and David Harness spinning.

Sunday, Aug. 11

Graylin & Cornelius host the Godfather Service Fund beer bust at the Eagle, \$8, food and beer, plus dates with Northern California Drummer men auctioned off. Should be fun!

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Free entertainment continues at Hamburger Mary's, beginning at 2100. Tonight, it's Brian Lazarus.

Wednesday, Aug. 14

Golden Shower Buddies at 933 Harrison tonight; doors open from 2000 to 2200. Drip wet, drip dry until???

Big Boot Party at Daddy's, 2100-2400. Get your boots blacked free by "Driller." No price given.

Thursday, Aug. 15

Constantines MC's "Trivia Mania," 2000-2300, beer bust for \$6, plus a \$1 entry fee for the trivia quiz - benefits Rita Rockett Brunches.

Friday, Aug. 16

AIDS Health Project teams up with Blow Buddies for free and anonymous HIV testing upstairs at 933 Harrison from 2200 to half-past midnight. Take advantage of this convenient service!

Cindy Bookout, Jeff Hennes of Seattle, Bridget Bodine, Steve Gaynes and Mr. Northern California Drummer Omar Moseley put the contestants through the pre-judging, speech, physique and fantasy segments. The leather mart, including a tattoo artist and piercing specialist, did a brisk business.

After a prolonged auction, the winners were finally announced. Roger Luttrell is Mr. Alameda County Leather '96, and "Victoria" (no last name) is Ms. Alameda County Leather. Everyone seemed pleased with the results. We're looking forward to a great year with Roger and Victoria.

Barbarian babes

This weekend, Northern California will choose its representatives at the International Mr. Drummer competition taking place next month. The "Rite of the Barbarian" event features Drummer men and Drummer boys from Sacramento, San Francisco, Alameda County and San Jose. They'll compete at the Genesis Gallery, 1068 The Alameda, in San Jose this Saturday afternoon, Aug. 10, beginning at 1700. Daddy Irwin Kane will emcee.

Intl. Mr. Drummer David Walker, Wolf Harmon, Intl. Mr. Deaf Leather Daniel Sonnenfeld, Mr. Alameda Co. Leather Roger Luttrell and Shawn Farnsworth of LA's Faultline will judge the contest.

The Northern California Drummer week got under way last night (Wednesday) at Daddy's Bar with a roast of outgoing Mr. Northern California Drummer Omar Moseley. All the contestants will be introduced at Greg's Ballroom in San Jose tonight (Thursday, Aug. 8) at 2100. The Drummer Boy contest, emceed by the delightful Andy Anderson, will take place at Greg's in San Jose on Friday beginning at 2100.

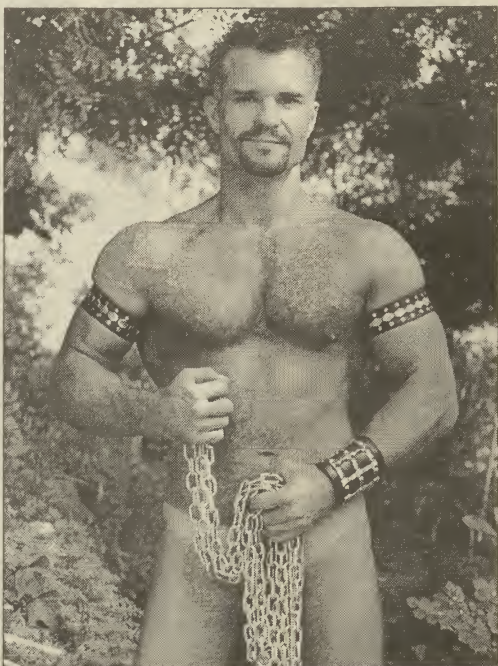
The Mr. Northern California Drummer contest is Saturday afternoon, and on Sunday from noon to 1500, a victory brunch will take place at Daddy's, followed by a victory beer bust (again at Daddy's) from 1900 to 2200.

You can get a \$15 round-trip bus ride to the contest in San Jose, which departs from Daddy's at 1500 Saturday and returns at midnight. Why drive? Join your friends on the bus for a rollicking good time, going and coming!

Lots more coming your way in the following weeks, so hang in there for a fun summer, culminating with the 13th Annual Folsom Street Fair on Sunday, Sept. 29! ▼



Ms. and Mr. Alameda County Cheeks & Chaps Pat Brown (left) and Mark Ingham.



As well as gracing its cover, Mike Wieland of San Diego is Mr. September '97 on the Bare Chest Calendar. Look for the calendar soon!

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Randy Moore, *Untitled R*

Hall of fame

Celebrities come in all shapes and sizes: international ("Robin Williams is storytelling in the Children's Room at the library! Oh. My. God."), local ("Girl, you know her."), even those who are famous for being famous, although they may have no discernible talent.

All three varieties are immortalized in *Celebrity/Self*, the Pop portrait group exhibition curated by writer Glen Helfand and artist Michelle Rollman currently showing at San Francisco Art Commission Gallery. The show is a good touchstone by which to consider just whom society deems worthy of celebration. There's a nod to the political/civic in Jason Mecier's excellent bean-and-noodle mosaic of Mayor Willie Brown, but by and large these artists are preoccupied with the culture's truly high profiles: the "superstars, superheroes and supermodels" who colonize the media through fashion rags, comic books, movie mags and, especially, TV. Thus we get Mecier's portraits of *Melrose Place* stars, and Isabel Samaras' TV tray reworking of *The Raft of the Medusa*, peopled by the cast of "Gilligan's Island." Michael Jackson, the true "King of Pop," makes an appearance as Napoleon. Media stars are today's conquerors.

Against such fame inflation, Craig Goodman's video "Background" offers a trio of the artist's friends, given the soft-focus celebrity treatment. The three "nobodies" (including artist Scott Hewicker) are shown lip-synching to a relentlessly insipid pop "tune" without lyrics. All two minutes' worth are gorgeously photographed in startling close-up, so that the "song's" utter lack of content is subverted by the glam technique.

For me, the show's highlight is Randy Moore's untitled series of prints, drawings and sculptures, self-portraits of the artist as Batman's sidekick Robin. In *noir* photographs of himself posed in Gotham settings, Moore explores the homoerotic subtext to the Boy Wonder: the bondage, the kink, those fruity tights. Moore also shows how Robin's insignia is the same as registered trademark. ☺

Congratulations to celebs Glen, Michelle, and Gallery Director Rupert Jenkins, who have put the SFAC Gallery back on the map. ▼

Celebrity/Self shows through August 17 at San Francisco Art Commission Gallery, 401 Van Ness. Info: 554-6080.

Fri

Berlin

Plus an '80s dance party in association with New Wave City. 9 pm. \$16.50. The Fillmore, 1805 Geary. 675-LOVE.

H.M.S. Pinafore

Lamplighters Music Theatre performs Gilbert & Sullivan. Fri. at 8pm, Sat. at 2&8pm. \$23. Hofmann Theatre, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. (510) 943-SHOW.

Inner Limits/Outer Bounds

Dance, theater, music and improvisation by Hilary Bryan and Dawn Frank, exploring the nature of boundaries. Fri. & Sat. at 8pm. \$10. Luna Sea Women's Perf. Proj., 2940 16th St., Rm 216C. 863-2989. 8/15-17, 22-24, moves to Dancers' Group/Footwork, 3221 22nd St. 824-5044.

Larry Myers

Plays by NY playwright Myers, including "Cha Cha to the Outer Limits" featuring Helen Schumaker, and "The Ashes of Jerry Garcia." Fri. & Sat. at 8pm thru 8/17. \$12. Exit Theatre, 156 Eddy. 558-8172.

Liquid Soap

Improvvised soap opera, audience steers the plot. Fridays at 10:30pm thru 8/23. \$10. Cable Car Theater, 430 Mason. 241-8887.

The Ritz

New production of Terrence McNally's 1975 Broadway comedy, opens tonight at 10pm, \$16 (benefits scholarship). Thru 9/1, call for dates & times. \$14-16. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St. 861-7933.

Santos & Santos

Campo Santo presents chamber production of Octavio Solis' play, directed by Tony Kelly. Thurs.-Mon. thru 8/11. \$9-12. 8pm. New Langton Arts, 1246 Folsom. 550-7250.

This Side of Butch

Karla Carmony, Amy Boyd and Fontana Butterfield are three wacky gals offering hilarious skits, original videos, catchy tunes, wicked spoofs and "interpretive dancing" to answer their own query, Which side is this side of butch? Wed.-Sun. through 8/18. \$12. 8pm. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St. 861-7933.

Sat

Be-Bop Bandstand

'50s & '60s dance party for women benefits Women's Resource Center. Swing dance lessons included. \$15, \$12 advance. 8pm-1am. Ramada Hotel, 1231 Market. 648-3331.

The Boys in the Band

Director Neal Shorstein and Creatus present Mart Crowley's 1968 comedy. Wed.-Sun. thru 8/11, call for times. Tonight at 8pm. \$16-18.50. 450 Geary Studio Theatre. 621-7797.

Futura

"Gran Fiesta de Aniversario." Jaycee performs, 1am. \$10 benefits Shanti's Latino pro-

gram. 10pm-4am. 174 King. 665-6715.

John Embling

Photography of architectural & sculptural images of SF. Reception today, 3pm. Thru 10/2. Derek Silva Community Lobby, 1594 Market.

Late Nite with Joan Jett Blakk

Sensational guests, smart talk, biting humor. \$8. 12pm. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St. 861-7933.

Pierced Hearts and True Love:

"A Century of Drawings for Tattoos" exhibit, Tues.-Sun. thru 8/18. Also: "The Addition and Subtraction of Skin," works by Dorothy Cross and David Ireland, and "The Studio Museum in Harlem." \$4. Center for the Arts, 701 Mission. 978-ARTS.

Marc Geller

Shakespeare in the Gardens

Luminaria, a Latino Shakespeare company, presents "A Midsummer Night's Dream," free. Sat. & Sun. thru 8/18. Yerba Buena Gardens, 701 Mission. 978-ARTS.

16th St. Block Party

Local performers, merchants and residents provide fun, food, entertainment. 2-10pm. 16th St., Valencia to Guerrero.

Trick

Genderfuck/drag cabaret opens, Ethyl Mermen, Luciano Paparazzi perform. \$10. 11pm-4am. Stardust Lounge, 299 9th St. 331-9595 x300.

Universary

Second anniversary. DJs Blackstone, David Harness. \$2. Doors 9:30pm. Club Universe, 177 Townsend. 985-5241.

Women at Work

Mixed media exhibit of work by 30 women artists. Tues.-Sat. thru 8/23. ARTWORK Gallery, 1837 Divisadero. 673-3080.

Sun

Antiques and Collectibles

Jerry Barrad's antiques and collectibles market is open 8:30-5 p.m. every Sunday at Pier 29, Sansome at Embarcadero. Admission is \$2; parking plus admission is \$5.

Bowl-A-Thon

3rd Annual Bowl-A-Thon and Auction benefits Diablo Valley AIDS Center. Sign-in: 12:30-2pm. Bowling: 2pm. Clayton Valley Bowl, 5300 Clayton,

Concord. (510) 798-1609.

Fellow Travelers Performers Group

Takami Craddock, Elyzabeth Meade and friends in dance, theatre and music. \$10. 8pm. Studio 455A, 455A Valencia. (510) 465-3144.

ODC/San Francisco

25th anniversary performance, choreography by Brenda Way, free. 2pm. Stern Grove, 19th Ave. & Sloat Blvd.

Pergamon:

"The Telephos Frieze from the Great Altar" exhibition, thru 9/8. \$7. Palace of the Legion of Honor, Lincoln Park, 34th & Clement. 863-3330.

Steve Gunderson

Gay Republican Congressman signs copies of his memoir, "House and Home," written with lover Rob Morris. 3:30pm. A Different Light, 489 Castro. 431-0891.

Switch Hitters

Carol Queen and other contributors read from collection of lesbian erotica by gay men and gay male erotica by lesbians, free. 7:30pm. A Different Light, 489 Castro. 431-0891.

Virgin Queen Contest

Klubstitute, the Next Generation presents 2nd annual contest for virgin queens, drag moms & faux queens. \$5-20, benefits Compassionate Information Alliance. 8pm-2:30am. Trocadero, 520 4th St. To enter, call 331-1500 xDIET.

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La Lupe Sativa I (1995 Klubstitute Virgin Queen) intends to whip her minions into shape as she prepares to crown her successor at Klubstitute's 2nd Annual Virgin Queen Contest, at Trocadero. See Sunday.



forum bringing HIV-negative and -positive men together. 7:30pm. MCC, 150 Eureka. 522-1785.

Gay Comedy Open Mike

MC Hank Donat. Aspiring queer comics sign up by phone. \$5. 8pm. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St. 861-7933.

Inspiration and Innovation:

"Helen Keller and the American Foundation for the Blind," exhibition of achievements of visually impaired Americans. Mon.-Fri. thru 9/6. One Market Plaza, Concourse Level. 392-4845.

R. Sharon Speller

Lesbian erotic b&w photos, "You're Lookin' at uh Lezzy," thru 9/14. Stormy Leather, 1158 Howard. 487-1966.

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Tues

The Corgi Has Sharp Teeth

Writers who perform and performers who write, incl. Robert Glick, Sandra Rodgers, John Robertson read. \$4. 8pm. Build, 483 Guerrero. 863-3041.

Erotic Writing

Ongoing Tuesday evening writing classes, 7-9pm. Grasshopper Palace, 333 Valencia St., Room #460 near 14th St. (above Gold's Gym). 552-6324.

Gildardo Enrique Paintings of childhood and desire. Tues.-Sat. thru 9/24. Cowboys & Angels, 207 Powell. 362-8516.

Jill Posener

Slide show, reading & discussion of "Nothing But the Girl—A Portfolio and Exploration of Lesbian Erotic Photography," free. 7:30pm. Modern Times, 888 Valencia. 282-9246.

Mrs. Klein

Uta Hagen stars in Nicholas Wright's psychological suspense drama. Tues.-Sun. thru 9/1, call for times. \$20-50. Tonight at 8pm. Geary Theater, 415 Geary. 776-1999.

Out of the Skin:

"Work by Tattoosers" incl. Don Ed Hardy, Mike Malone. Thru 8/24. Braunstein/Quay Gallery, 250 Sutter. 392-5532.

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Serpentine:

"Tales of divine femininity," found objects and mixed media by Alena Cochran, thru Aug. Cat's Grill and Alley Club, 1190 Folsom. 431-3332.

SF Winds of Freedom

Seated version of SF Lesbian/Gay Freedom Band performs "Around the World in 60 Minutes," a free community concert. 8:15pm. Bethany United Methodist, 1268 Sanchez. 554-0402.

Tapestry

International group show of pictorial tapestry. Thru 9/8. Artfibers Gallery, 124 Sutter. 956-6319.



From Top To Bottom (we bet!) perform with Northern California Harmony Sweepstakes champs The New Originals, in Acappellooza! Wednesday at Freight & Salvage; see listing. (From left to right: Rob Dowd, Joey Shoji, Aurelio Font, Scott Weldon, Cedric Brown)

West Side Story

Musical theatre classic returns. Tues.-Sun. thru 8/17, call for times. \$25-60. Tonight at 8pm. Golden Gate Theatre, 1 Taylor. 776-1999.

Wed 14

Acappellooza!

From Top to Bottom, all-gay vocal group founded by Aurelio Font, performs with The New Originals. 8pm. Freight & Salvage, 1111 Addison, Berkeley. (510) 548-1761.

Celebrity/Self

Group show: portraits of celebrities, curated by Glen Helfand and Michelle Rollman. Wed.-Sat. thru 8/17. SF Arts Commission Gallery, 401 Van Ness. 554-6080.

Consumption

Group exhibition and eating fest, Tues.-Sat. thru 8/22. Catharine Clark Gallery, 49

Geary Street. 399-1439.

Glenn Ligon

New work: struggles of cultural and sexual identity. Thru 8/25. \$7. SFMOMA, 151 3rd St. 357-4000.

Margaret Sloan-Hunter

Reads from "Black & Lender," poetry. 7pm. Glen Park Books, 2788 Diamond. 586-3733.

Paris Modern:

"The Swedish Ballet 1920-1925," exhibition about the avant-garde dance co. Thru 9/29. \$7. Palace of Legion of Honor, Lincoln Park, 34th Ave. & Clement. 863-3330.

Picasso at the Lapin Agile

Steve Martin's comedy featuring the NY cast. Tues.-Sun., extended thru 11/3. Tonight at 8pm, call for times. \$25-38. Theatre on the Square, 450 Post. 433-9500.

Play:

"The Art of Toy Theater" exhibition, free. Thru 8/24. SF

Performing Arts Library & Museum, 399 Grove. 255-4800.

Robert Brokl

Works from "Travel Notes" series exhibited. Wed.-Sun. thru 9/1. The Collectors Gallery, 1000 Oak, Oakland. (510) 834-2296.

Same Sex Salsa

Beginners Workshop with Ava Apple. Weds. thru 8/28, 7pm. \$9 drop-in rate. Jon Sims Center, 1519 Mission, Studio 1. 681-8140.

Steve Murray

Gay scholar, with contributor Manuel Arboleda, discusses "Latin American Male Homosexualities," free. 7:30pm. Modern Times, 888 Valencia. 282-9246.

This Side of Butch

Karla Camrony, Amy Boyd and Fontana Butterfield in skits, videos, tunes, spoofs and "interpretive" dancing. Wed.-Sun. thru 8/18 at 8pm. \$12. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St. 861-7933.

Thur 15

Hell Soup

Sparrow 13 Laughing Wand reads from his collection of poetry; also: Bambi Lake. 7:30pm. Modern Times, 888 Valencia. 282-9246.

I Used To Be Nice

Sue O'Sullivan reads from collection of essays: a quarter century of feminist engagement, free. 7:30pm. Bernal Books, 401 Cortland. 550-0293.

Italian Pleasures

Expatriates David Leavitt and Mark Mitchell read from their book on Italy. 7:30pm. Clean, Well-Ltd. Place for Books, 601 Van Ness. 567-6876.

Jim Earl Theater

SF-based comedian performs his morbid musical-comedy revue. 8/15, 23 & 30. \$10. 8 pm. Venue Nine, 252 9th St. 626-2169.

Nothing Matters

Group evidence of why. Artists include Bob Ortball, Gay Outlaw, Norma Yorba. Thru 8/31. Refusal, 20 Hawthorne. 546-0158.

Project Inform

Town Meeting "Strategies for Survival and Update from XI Internat'l Conference on AIDS," free. 6:30pm. UCSF Laurel Heights Conf. Ctr, 3333 California. 558-8669.

Savage Nights

The Savage Jazz Dance Company with M.B. Hanif Quintet. 8/15&22 at 10pm. \$3. Cafe du Nord, 2170 Market. 861-5016.

SF School of Ab Ex

Exhibition of works by SF abstract expressionist artists, incl. Diebenkorn, Francis & Still. Thru 9/29. SFMOMA, 151 3rd St. 357-4000.

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Sunday, 7/14, I was looking at cards, you pointed out the stuffed animals. Your good looks intimidated me. I came back few minutes later, but you were busy. Let's talk. ☎ 2003.

Errol From The Foam Party
You: very cute Asian. Me: Caucasian, short brown hair. We played in the foam together but had no way to exchange phone numbers in the suds. Call, let's talk! ☎ 2004.

Ice Cream
Saw you at DBI Rainbow on Castro 7/13 & later saw you on the corner & I asked you how the ice cream was. Didn't quite hear but enjoyed the eye contact. Another scoop? ☎ 2005.

The Line Up On A Sat Night
A few weeks ago you were sitting in a booth by the window. We made eye contact as I walked in & throughout the night. You're WM, dark haired. Me: Latino, stashed w/white cowboy hat. ☎ 2006.

Clayton/Carlton A Beautiful
Rainy day at End in January. I'm smitten? Sorry I missed your calls. I'm currently working. I usually get home at 4:30, please call. "Kragin Auto." ☎ 2007.

Steamworks Sunday July 7th
To Paul, Steve, "Red," & all the other hot, hairy men: Thanks a load! Andrew. ☎ 2008.

Yamaha Man
You pass me every morning near Upper Terrace & Buena Vista on your bike at 6:30AM. Sometimes you nod. I'm the big redhead w/the dog. ☎ 2101.

Safeway Mill Valley
Friday 7/19, 12:30PM. You: tall, blond, wearing shorts & counting inventory. Me: USA T-shirt, shorts, baseball cap, wishing I'd said hello. Give me a call. ☎ 2102.

Lou The Dentist
We met at "My Place" on 7/20. I wanted to chat longer & see you again. Maybe invite you to Mendocino. Get in touch! ☎ 2103.

John Bolt, Where Are You?
I think about you all the time. I was going to SFSU while you were at SJSU. Let's rekindle our flame. I miss you!! ☎ 2104.

37 Corbett Bus 7/21 6:00 PM
You: tall, slight gray on sides of hair, walkman on, untucked gray shirt, smiled at me when I got off. Me: boyish wired T-shirt, tattoos. Want to meet you. ☎ 2105.

Walgreens & #24 Bus Midday
That's where we met. You: tall, Mexican, w/a friend. SF school worker on vacation. We talked, clicked I thought. I gave you my #, wish you'd call. ☎ 2106.

Les 7/19 Vista Point
You were on a break from work. Said I had nice nipples. I may have a boyfriend but that devilish smile of your won't leave my mind. Let's hook up. ☎ 2107.

Jason! Red Hair/Gaotee
You were walking on Sharon St. w/ cute friend (brown hair/gaotee), July 16th. Over heard, you heard my birthday is the 28th. Let's celebrate. ☎ 2108.

Blacksands Red Cap 7/21
First time being there in 3 yrs, 5 for me. Serendipity fished teal cap from surf "nice catch," absolutely. Did I notice hesitation when it came time for you to go. Truly liked the ring. ☎ 2158.

BART TO N. Concord 4:30 7/19
You have dark hair, great smile. I wear glasses & was reading a magazine. Don't know why I didn't jump off train after you. Call me, let's meet! ☎ 2201.

New Desk Guy At Central Y
I joked with you about making passes at men who wear glasses & you blushed. You're too cute! Please tell me that you're single. We can start there. ☎ 2202.

Tower Video 7/28
You: handsome WM, black sandals, shorts, eyes hidden by sunglasses. Me: BM, white T-shirt, jeans, brown slip-ons, sunglasses. I turned, but I was with a guest. Let's talk. ☎ 2203.

Leticia's 7/28 Brunch
Handsome man w/glasses dining alone. Would like to chat w/you. Moi: tall, goatee male w/glasses, eyeing you. Was part of dining trio. ☎ 2204.

Ben Ben Ben Ben Ben Ben
Where are you? Please call. Gary. ☎ 2205.

Stonewall @ The Castro Sun 7/28
2 PM show. I was sitting a couple rows ahead to your right. Me: Latino, blk hair, grey shirt. You: short brn hair, grey hooded sweatshirt, shorts. Pls call if interested. Maybe, coffee or drink? ☎ 2206.

SEEKING RELATIONSHIP

Love Is An Elusive River
Not on the map, neither switch nor tap-Dive, Float in the sun, on lookout: One salmon run- Writer, athlete, 40, 5'9", 155#. You: at edge, lean, under 40, wanting swim. ☎ 2009.

Platonic Gdkg Slim Retired Guy
Mustache, crewcut, hip, 5'9", 150#. HIV-, seeks similar guy, nonsexual. Interests: music, opera, politics, science, etc. Smoke & Bars OK SF. ☎ 2010.

Thursday Friday Or Any Night
Single sexy East Bay GWM, handsome 40, seeks similar/younger HIV-, NS, masculine, nice guy for weeknight hanging out, going out, & making out. Definite partner potential. ☎ 2011.

Dark Shadows
Relationship-minded, mid-30's, BM, slim, HIV+, seeking LM (or other tall, dark types), 28-35, for good times, friendship. ☎ 2012.

King, Sweet & Caring-Really!
5'10", 165#, brgr, GWM seeking compatible GWM, 42-52. Men w/silver or S&P hair make me forget my name. Mutual interests should include Sondheim, music & movies. ☎ 2013.

Cheerful, Young Buddy
For regular sessions w/generous 62 year old, 5'10", 165#, brn/hazel. You: under 30, affectionate, hot. Ideal for University student. ☎ 2014.

My Condoms Are Expiring!
Spiritual dilettante, gay-acting, gay-appearing, somewhat aged, chunky hunky, involuntary celibate-seeks same for mutual respect, allergic to cats, no suits! ☎ 2015.

Looking For A Pal & Soulmate
Me: 41, 5'5", 130#, HIV-, seeking GWM who enjoys dining out or quiet evenings watching the tube. Must be sincere, honest & ready for a commitment. Are you ready or still searching? ☎ 2016.

Sleek, Sexy, Sagacious
Attractive and professional (48, 6', 180#) blue-eyes, silver fox seeks age peer w/masculine demeanor, kind heart & dirty mind for passion & pleasure. ☎ 2017.

Looking For Latin Male
GWM, 38, 5'11", 135#, blond/blue, mustache, HIV+, seeks LTR w/masculine, muscular, top HIV+, Latin (Italian, Portuguese, Spanish) man, hairy & facial hair A+. ☎ 2018.

Companionship And Fun
GWM, slim, healthy, mature, & responsible seeks GWM, 5'7" under, 120-135# for fun, play, companionship. Likes include walking, dining, talking, gym, cuddling, playful wrestling. ☎ 2019.

Romantic Attractive GLM
Seeking boyfriend, possible LTR. Me: earthy guy looking for fun, interest: movies, window shopping, dancing, jogging. You: sincere, honest, NS, clean, HIV+, 28-40's, no games, attractive. ☎ 2020.

Cuddler Seek Same
GWM, 49, 5'7", 155#, easy going nice guy seeks buddy for adventures in & out of bed & possible relationship. Love oral action til play, kissing, JO + + + +. ☎ 2021.

WM Masc. Salt/Pepper
Blue, 5'11", 175#, heart passion muscular intuitive vers/oral seeks buddy same or sim. + + + Irish, Italian, Stache/beard etc. ☎ 2022.

Passionate Artist Seeks Lifemate
(Still). I'm a regular lovable guy who happens to be gay & prefer married life. I'm a sexy, masc, btm, 35, 6', 190#, HIV+, goatee. UB: top, tall, mass, hairy, horny, HIV+, altruistic, stable, ready to build great marriage. ☎ 2023.

Seeking Submissive GWM, GLM
Mature GWM, trim & in shape, looking for Asian or Latin boy anxious to serve & obey. You must be 5'10" or less & smooth. Pos OK. ☎ 2109.

Wanted
Hapful, romantic, Nordic God who is not totally consumed w/looks. I enjoy quiet times at home, fine dining, all types of music, & sunsets. ☎ 2110.

This Great Dane Is No Bow-Wow
GWM, 30+, 5'8 1/2" 155#, blind/hzl, smooth, hung, gdkg seeks fur-covered fantasy man to make our dreams come true. Candles, dinner, ropes? Hmm! Extremely hairy—please call. ☎ 2111.

Asian Looking For Friends
Gdkg Asian student, 30 yo, 5'7", 145#, HIV-, new in the gay scene. Need someone who'll help w/English. You're GWM, under 40, weight & height must be proportion. ☎ 2112.

Daddy, Older Brother
You: sexy/younger brn, under 30, masc, good shape, who needs a caring friend, disciplinarian. Dadbro is successful GWM, 38, 6', 250#, balding. Limits respected. ☎ 2113.

Looking For A Friend???
HIV+, GWM, 36, 125#, East Contra Costa area. Seeking other HIV+ who enjoy life, w/ similar interests, & who want to have fun. Serious only. Let's get together to talk. ☎ 2114.

Boyfriend Wanted
Great guy, cute, well-built, athletic, sks bawny, rugged athletic man for dating, cuddling, & strong, intense pleasure. Not a sex-only ad. ☎ 2115.

2115-2124
Last week these numbers were printed incorrectly. This week they are correct. If you are interested please call again. They can't wait to hear from you.

Leather Buddy Wanted
Gdkg, GWM, professional, 46, 5'8", 150#, NS, HIV-, hairy, must be versatile. Enjoy gym, travel, sports, leather, romance, cuddling & cooking. Seeking a leather buddy, 28-46, into romance. ☎ 2116.

Tall, Hot, & Handsome...
GWM, 43, 6', 170#, in-shape top ISO bottom boys for dating & possible LTR. Like outdoor sex & indoor toys. Asian A+, HIV+ OK. Your briefs get mine! ☎ 2117.

Hungry Subm. Bottom Wanted
Hot man, 58, 5'8", 135#, good build wants gdkg oral bottom. I'm very verbal, aggressive & caring. Call if you are in good shape & eager to please. ☎ 2118.

GWM Seeks Christian GWM
Christian GWM, 46, 5'10", 160#, NS, ND, trim, in-shape, seeks Christian GWM, trim, in-shape, for serious dating. Friendship, respect, love. No sex unless dating leads to a monogamous LTR. ☎ 2119.

GBM Seeks GWM
Exceptional 33, 6'1", 195#, clean cut, athletic, well-built, masculine, sensitive seeks independent Asian man for relationship. Age not important. Height & weight well proportioned. ☎ 2120.

A Gentleman & A Pervert
Attractive, healthy, HIV+, GWM, 46, 5'10", 170#, brown hair (balding), hazel eyes, mustache, hairy, seeks nice guy in life, nasty man in bed, for dates, sex, possible LTR. ☎ 2121.

I Want You
GBM, HIV+, very clean & healthy, 39, 5'6", 125#, want to meet you. Looking for LTR. Call let's chat. GBM only. San Jose A+. ☎ 2122.

East Bay HIV+ Latin Top Wanted
I like'm short, dark & thick. WM, HIV+, 34, blue, brown, 6', 180# in Concord needs boyfriend LTR w/Capricorn or Virgo. ☎ 2123.

Where Are You?
GWM, 27, 5'8", blond, looking for Mr. Right. We are both, masculine, physically fit, attractive & HIV-. You: top. Me: bottom. ☎ 2124.

Irishman
33, 5'10" 180#, HIV- dark, handsome, interest include outdoors, movies, ceramics, computer graphics, seeks nice relationship minded, hairy guy, 30-45, No drugs NS preferred. ☎ 2125.

A Fremont Guy!
Handsome, masculine, East Bay WM top, 47, 6', 185#, light brown buzz, clean shaven, HIV-, NS, seeking similar, younger (26-36), clean cut, HIV-, very masculine WM for a hot LTR. ☎ 2127.

Hispanic Boyfriend Wanted
35-45, in shape, for romance, good times, good sex, versatile. I'm a young looking 53, handsome, Italian, 5'11", 175#, versatile, romantic, love sex, & waiting for your call. ☎ 2128.

GWM Hot Tops
GWM visitor from Palm Springs in the city from 8/22-27 seeks companionship, sex, good times. You: GWM, study top, somewhat dominant, younger. Me: looking for poss LTR, intelligent, 55, 5'11", 190#, healthy HIV+. ☎ 2129.

Body Positive
We are a social group for health minded, HIV+, single men. We have monthly potluck social as well as special weekend events. This is a great way to meet new friends. ☎ 2159.

Stanford, San Sweety-Pie Guy
31, 6'5", 220#, blond, cyclist, fun gregory, midwest, friendly, blonded natural, very intelligent, Stanford area. You: under 35, healthy, natural, brave, fearless. ☎ 2207.

Too Busy At Home
This East Bay guy would like to meet someone who feels good about himself & appreciates a sexy, smart man, like to have fun w/the right guy. ☎ 2208.

Attn: White/Latin/Ital Nudists
GWM bear type, 37, 6'2", 225#, dark hair, blue/green eyes, mod hairy. Like guys 25-45, slim/mod build or h/w prop. tactile & sensual. Get naked, cuddle, watch movies, play, talk. Redheads & uncuts A+. ☎ 2209.

EuroAmerican Seeks Other Half
Looking for Asian/Latino NS to form relationship. Attractive 6', 180#, professional, top, searching for versatile, educated, cute life partner under 35. ☎ 2210.

Seeking Real Love
GM, 27, brn/blu, 5'7", 145#, sks poss relationship w/GWM or G Native American. I'm honest, sincere, caring, NS/ND. No fake people. Honest replies only. ☎ 2211.

Romantic/Attract Asian Sk GWM
For friend pos, more, NS/ND, HIV- under 50. Enjoy reading, walking, dining out/movies on the weekends/comeback. W/H prop. Romance on reg basis. Slender/versatile a+. ☎ 2212.

Handsome Muscular Italian
GWM, 38, 6'2", 185#, into fitness, travel, romance & quiet times seeks another HIV-, extremely well hung man for monogamous relationships. ☎ 2213.

Looking For A Life Change?
WM, 42, masculine, gdkg, muscular, mustache, HIV+, healthy, seeks same. Tired of rat race, want to move to Palm Springs. Looking for buddy/soul mate. ☎ 2214.

Finally Ready?
Seeking slender, tall guy (long hair)? I'm sincere, outgoing GWM, 6'2", 200#, mid 40's, trim beard, blue eyes, balding w/pontail. Looking for very affectionate, articulate man, w/whom & heart. Respect of 12-steps, NS preferred. ☎ 2215.

Q Positive

19 yo, GWM, tired of 3-week flings. Seeking responsible, thin, semi-anal-retentive, clean-cut, Vegetarian GWM (18-23ish) for food, gossip & dance. Scientifically-minded/community-oriented A+. No pedophiles please. ☎ 2216.

Attractive Blonde 25

I'm 5'7", 170#, tan skin, brown eyes, muscular, masculine, Latin/Italian descent. Seeking whites or Latinos 21-35 for friendship or maybe LTR. ☎ 2217

Are You A Top Under 5'9", 160#? I have an attractive face, a bright white smile, brown skin, a trace of an accent & a compact little ass. You must be attractive, 34-45, HIV OK. ☎ 2218.

Black Guy Dreds, Beard, 40 160#, 6'1", HIV+. I'm into wild natural stuff. Live in cabin in the mountains. I'm very spiritual also. Looking for friends. ND/N5NA. ☎ 2219.

Help Me Get Off W, HIV+, 38, 145#, needs a butt unplugged. Turn one extra stinky hairy pits, uncult dick. You must be black/brown. Into TT & HIV+. ☎ 2220.

Goodlooking Latino 29 5'11", 190#, dark skin, eyes, hair, HIV-, seeking Latinos or Whites, 22-35, for friendship maybe more. ☎ 2221.

Chubby Chaser Wanted GWM, 36, 5'11", 300#, HIV-, hairy bottom. I'm prof. fun, romantic, I seek an HIV-, in shape, top man for dating. Puss LTR. ☎ 2222.

Work All Night? Play All Day? Serious 28 yo, looking to meet other professionals who work at night. Your schedule must be conducive to mine. Let's chat. ☎ 2223.

Hot Cuban Dad Lking 4 Big Boy Hsm, fit, 5'11", 170#, 8.5" uncult, domt/affectionate needs 'Big Boy' w/very large hands who loves to cuddle. ☎ 2265.

Strict But Caring Leather Daddy Seeks obedient boy, 25-35, short, slim or gym-toned for domination, bondage, moderate SM, boot service, dog training, theater & sympathy. Brains a must, good looks, tattoos, piercings desirable. ☎ 2266.

SEEKING ADVENTURE

Top Hunky Black Man Sought Very well-built, handsome WM seeks handsome, hunky black man for sweat, discreet man-to-man encounters. Enjoy all sports, outdoors, I love sex! HIV+ must! Reno-based get to SF regularly. ☎ 2024.

Suck Daddy Daddy's hard 6" wants hot mouthed sons. Any age for long oral sessions in the Castro. Afternoons & evenings. GWM, 50, 5'10", 155#, hairy body, shaved tits, cock & balls. ☎ 2025.

8" Or More Only!!!! Regular servicing can be yours. Me: 5'8", 145#, hairy. You: tall & horny, deep throat & deep man pussy. ☎ 2026.

Fuck Buddy, Friendship, or LTR HIV-, educated, GAM, 5'4", 145#, 34 yo, 5ks into HIV- men, 25-45, blk, wh, lat. Enjoy plants, weight lifting, Star Trek, 85, natural sciences. Loves: BJ, kissing, massages, watersports. No fucking, rimming, S&M. ☎ 2027.

In Need Of Sex GBM, 37, 195#, bottom & hairy. I work weird hours & don't have time for a long term relationship, but have time for sex. ☎ 2028.

Straight Seeks WM Over 65 To give me verbal instructions on sucking your cock. Must be patient & willing to wear rubber, removing it shortly before climax & shooting your load on my face. ☎ 2029.

San Francisco Guy Seeking Fun! Gdlooking San Francisco "top" guy, 35, w/medium build, seeks gdlooking "bottom" guy in shape & under 35 for fun & adventure. Give me a ring! ☎ 2030.

On My Knees, Ready To Please GAM, 5'11", 175#, 38, HIV-, seeks GAM, 25-35, 5'7" & up, h/twt prop, HIV- & ready to fuck me. ☎ 2031.

Muscular Top Sks Young Bottom Athletically built, muscular Italian top looking for a young, lean gdlooking man who loves to get fucked. You must be available during the daytime, be in good shape, thin, a NS, always horny & a bottom. ☎ 2032.

Are You Cock Proud? Cocksucker wants to worship, admire, lick, taste, jack, suck, swallow the biggest dicks in San Francisco. Are you hung big & proud of it? Appreciative cocksucker will make you prouder. ☎ 2033.

Butt Slut's Night Out Athletic, muscular, top fuck sks 18-35 yo boys/men w/light bubble butts, thin to muscular, w/defined abdominals, tight body for hot play sessions. ☎ 2034.

Weekend Jack-off Buddy Wanted GWM, 5'11", 200#, seeks JO pal for hot sessions. If you love your dick, and love to jack-off, let's get together. ☎ 2035.

Seeking Hot Latino Men Masculine GWM, HIV-, 33, brn/bn, 5'11", 210#. Husky, hot gdlooking, mostly bottom but love to top seeking macho Latinos for man sex. Call me, let's party. Muscular A+. ☎ 2036.

Black Meat Wanted Hot, horny, 43, Italian stud likes to be plumped by black studs late at night. Wanna unload in a hot, white hole? Leave message. ☎ 2037.

Runner Seeks Great Massage GWM, 38, healthy, HIV-, handsome, lean, strong athletic, 6', 165#, seeks legs stretched & massaged by truly masculine, healthy, physically fit nice guy who loves giving massage. East Bay preferred. ☎ 2038.

Santa Rosa River Area Oral cum loving bottom will drain your hose. Show off your big bulge! In woods, at beach, at home. Big meat, 2 guys at once A+. No recip necessary. ☎ 2039.

Careering Your Sweet Body With my hot mouth, lips & fingers. You under 45, disease free, HIV-. Prefer smooth lightly hairy. Let me take your body to a sweet orgasm. Call, take a chance. ☎ 2040.

Spanking That Feels Good Spanking will stimulate nerve endings you never knew you had. Into: assplay, spanking, love to top. Me: attract, GWM, 46, 6'5", 250#, husky build. You: attract, GWM, 18-35, slim, nice buns. ☎ 2041.

Sacramento Area WM, 39, 5'10", 145#, smooth defined swimmer's build, big dick, into BD & SM. Let's discuss the possibilities, HIV-. ☎ 2042.

Hot-N-Horny GWM, 26, 5'8", 160#, bld/gm, muscular, very hot man. Married, looking for discreet action. You must be hot, into JO, oral, versatile, 7" cut fat. You won't be disappointed. ☎ 2043.

Smooth Bottoms Wanted Me: 52, cauc, 6', 155#, glasses, 9" cock. You: cauc or Hispanic, under 40, well built tight ass for my big cock. ☎ 2044.

Total Anal Bottom Bear 45, 5'10", 185#, balding, short brown hair/beard, hairy. Beautiful big white ass, experienced hole, HIV+. Seeking ass fucking top for marathon ass play, let's party. ☎ 2045.

Rogue Viking Seeks Black Stud E-model, 45, bld/bn, 6', 190#, 7" cut, Norwegian/Cherokee mix seeks hung, horny, in-shape black playmate for erotic cock play, hot videos & safe sex. Let's cum together. ☎ 2046.

Handsome Masseur Seeks Gdlooking guys w/big dicks & or hot ass. I like to watch you take my 8 1/2" up your butt or 6/9 to get the juice's flowing. I turn bottom for the big one. ☎ 2047.

A1 Oral Service Delivered SF, GWM, HIV-, 6', handsome, delivers complete oral service to guys who dig getting sucked off. Pro train, mature, no reciprocation. ☎ 2048.

Little Hairy Bottom 54 yr, 115#, 5'2", WM, HIV-, I need intense sex work by hung men. I also like other service. I'm dedicated to please you & like sucking cock. My place Maria, or maybe your place! ☎ 2049.

Skink Hairy Dad 4 Play & Passion Blond boy, blue eyes looking for someone who can show me SF, a good time, followed by imaginative sex, kissing, cuddling. Maybe more. ☎ 2130.

Very Slim Masculine, 18-25? Kick back & enjoy oral service & handout w/masculine, athletic, affectionate, friendly, respectful, intelligent, generous WM, 45, 5'9", 145#. Must be very slim, masculine. ☎ 2131.

East My Ass ISO serious ass eaters for long sessions, afternoons or evenings. Rims&ts & slings a plus. GWM, 50, 5'10", 155#, short crew cut, hairy body, shaved 6" uncult cock & balls. ☎ 2132.

Yo Big Guy, Let Me... GWM, 43, 6', 165#, seeks a dominant guy to nuzzle. I'm hairy, salt/pepper, swimmer, hot to serve you cock worship fantasies. UB: 30-50, in shape, sensitive. ☎ 2133.

Sturdy Young Lad Wanted 40 something top seeks sturdy bottom in need of loving discipline. My dad told me he beat me because he loved me. I'd like to set you "straight." ☎ 2134.

Hung Men Of Color Under 44 yo, in shape, 35 yo, tall, handsome, blond, bottom has 2 openings for me. Be hung, decent shape, & fun. ☎ 2135.

Super Sucker Seeks Super Meat I'm hung 8+, 22-45 yo, in shape, dark features. Me: 35 yo, tall, gdlooking, blond w/deep needs to meat yours. No recip nec. ☎ 2136.

Cum Horny Italian, masculine, bi, 39, 5'9", 165#, w/ thick 8" dick & big load, seeks hung, masculine, young gdlooking male to suck me off. I want to feed you. ☎ 2137.

You're A Lean Hairy Submissive Clean, honest, reliable, NS, tall, dark-haired, over 35, STD-. Need brutally handsome, sexy, built, youthful 50's top. No brutality or ranch. Safe sex only. LTR possible. No South Bay. ☎ 2138.

Rip Wrestle Or Box You Let's get it on. WM, 49, 5'10", 175#, thick chest hair, mustache, HIV-, likes rough aggression w/men, safe, your place a +, SF or Sacto. ☎ 2139.

East Bay Bottom/Versatile GWM wants sex partner(s) on a regular basis. I'm 44, HIV-, 5'11", brn/blu, 160#. Like to suck & my ass fucked. Tape on video! ☎ 2140.

Let's Eat & Fuck Versatile, 5'11", well built, hung big, 6'2", 175#, clean shaved, masc, athletic, attractive WM seeks similar WM, who is well hung, top & fun for hot, safe fun on a regular basis. ☎ 2143.

Wanted Latino Topman 36 yo, BM, 6' 1 1/2", 172#, (bottom) is in search of a Latin top man who knows how to take control. Have it your way. ☎ 2142.

Tall, Lean Crewcut, Blue Eyes... 6'2", 175#, clean shaved, masc, athletic, attractive WM seeks similar WM, who is well hung, top & fun for hot, safe fun on a regular basis. ☎ 2143.

Seeking Long Tongued Latin For weekly oral service front & back. I'm a gdlooking, 8', 190#, 34 yo, WM in the E. Bay. With long brown hair & goatee. I'm waiting to be serviced. ☎ 2144.

Slam Fuck My Hairy Ass Then bust a hot load up this masculine, 6', 185#, 38 yo, HIV+, goatee brown H/E; you under 45, decent shape, facial hair, hung, masculine & w/wild streak. ☎ 2145.

Yellow Hunky Right Pocket Thirsty, HIV-, GAM, 5'4", 146#, 34 yo, muscular. Seeking only HIV- men into BJ, piss & cum. Prefer in shape, blk, wh, lat, 25-45 yo, w/avg, sz dicks (4-7). No fucking, drugs, S&M, or verbal abuse. HIV+ a must. ☎ 2146.

Hot Musc Guy Sex Fuck Buddy If you ever wanted to have hot discreet sex w/a very musc BM. I'm 28, 5'10", 190#, very well hung, straight American acting. Looking for another hot musc, buddy, under 35 yo. ☎ 2147.

Seeking A Cocksucking Boy Who likes bondage & needs a butt padding. You be under 35 yo & 5'10". I'm 37 yo, 5'11", 173#, w/gym toned body. ☎ 2148.

R U Uncut?? WM, 30's, cut, seeks W/H males w/fore-skin for occasional play. UB: fit, masculine. Uncut couples A+. ☎ 2149.

Suck Connoisseurs! 6 1/2" piece—hours stamina—mature attractive man invites serious suckers—No teeth very welcome—Looks not important. Mike after July 31. ☎ 2150.

Dominant Older Seeks Yng. Sub. GWM, 72, 5'8", 165#. Enjoy being a Dad or Master to an under 40 yo or bi-curious boy who prefers serving a mature man on an ongoing basis. ☎ 2224.

Gray Fox Wants Same GWM, 56, bald, S&P goatee & mustache, hairy chest, HIV-, uncult w/average slit, 6', 175#. You: HIV-, fit, trim, NS/ND, A1-teemorn sex, your place in SF, safe & mostly voyeuristic. ☎ 2225.

Vallejo Fuck Buddy Looking for dick. Worshipper & cock slave in Vallejo. I'm HIV+, 5'8", 135#, 44, brn/bn, 155#. Are you hungry? Call me. ☎ 2226.

Ass Pig Top ISO experienced bottoms for long ass play sessions, afternoons or evenings. GWM, 50, 5'10", 155#, brn/bn, clean shave, short crew cut, hairy ass. ☎ 2227.

Feel My Bushy Mustache In your crack while I tongue drill your hot butt. Me: 38, 6', 160#, brn/bl, hot WM. You: hot & ready. ☎ 2228.

Hot Fireman & Paramedics Excellent full-body Swedish massage free by experienced gdlooking man. 6'1", 175#, 43. Table. Genuine only. Because you're doing a great job. ☎ 2229.

Black Top Guy Wanted WM, East Bay, 6', 160#, HIV-, 44 yo, brn/blu want to service cock, balls, ass, arm pits etc. Nice guy & discreet. ☎ 2230.

Aggressive & Hot & Nasty? Lean, muscular GWM 5'8", 155#, hairy, goatee, hot pss, 40, excellent shape, HIV-, I like sweaty sex maybe partying, fantasies. You: well-built, sexy, honest. ☎ 2231.

Got A Prince Albert? You: GWM, 25-45, attractive, HIV-, great body, hairy chest, nice dick w/ Prince Albert-like it played with. Me: GWM, 45, 6'2", HIV-, great mouth. ☎ 2232.

Expert Cocksucker Senior GWM, 57", 130#, begs to worship mass, verbal, toman, over 40, w/gt. proportion. Cauc or Asian. ☎ 2233.

Yng "Oaddy" Sks Boys To Train 28 yo, nurturing leather bar cub is seeking boys 18-35 for training growth & instruction. as well as, fun & nasty scenes. Me: 27, bedroom blues, brn, 5'10", 200#, large frame (46 coat) & very handsome. ☎ 2234.

Senior Suck Parties At an East Bay hotel for horny, mature men & a few of our admirers. Chip-in for the room & direct contact phone # (no exceptions) required. ☎ 2235.

Attention HIV- Hairy Tops Tall, handsome, HIV- GWM w/mustache, versatile bottom, seeks gdlooking, hairy GWM's w/facial hair for adventures in & out of the sack. Very good at being a bottom. ☎ 2236.

Hayward Man Seeking Fuckers Hayward Hispanic in his 50's ISO GWM 24-35, to play w/my ass, then mount me big time to his content, no huge dicks please. ☎ 2237.

From Russia With Love? Americanized, 35 yo, 185#, muscular seeks thin to muscular native Russians for sex, fun, & companionship. ☎ 2238.

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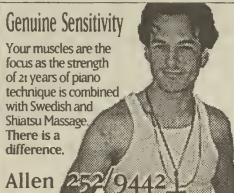
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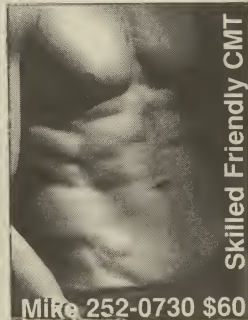
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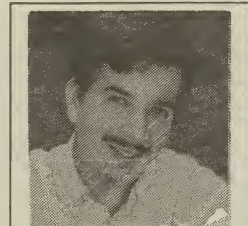
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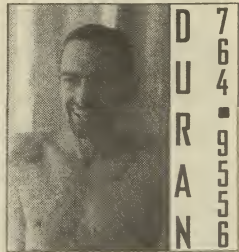
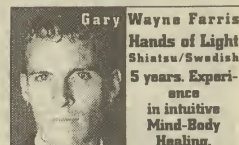
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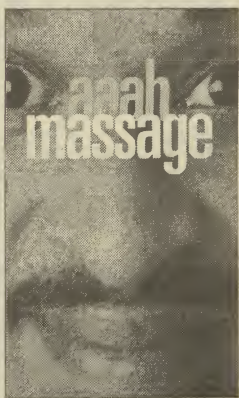
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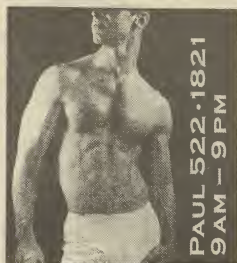
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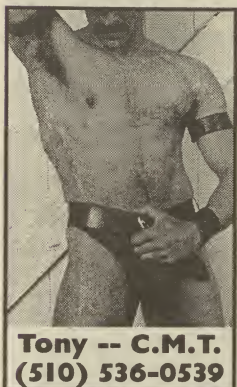
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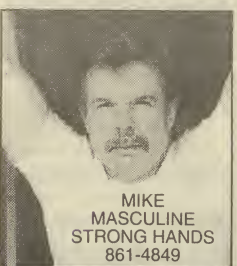
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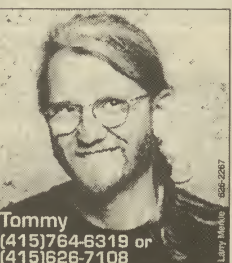
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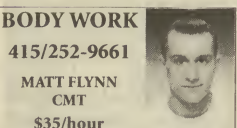


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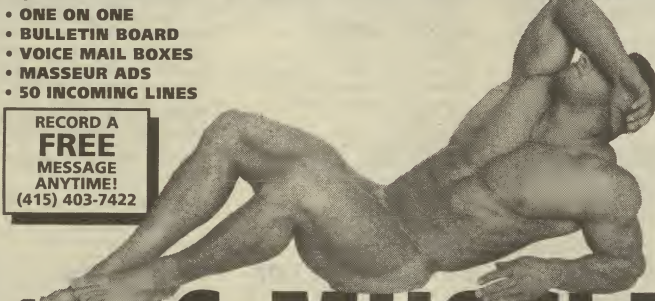
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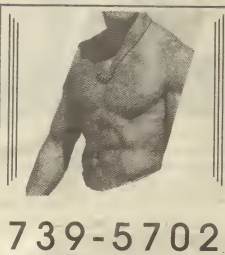
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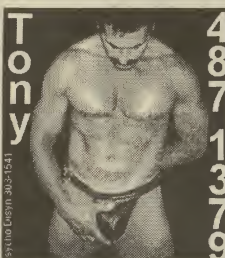
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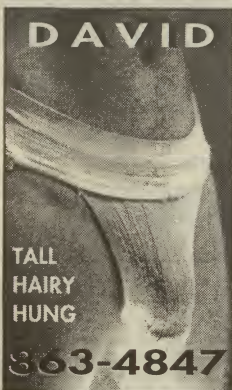
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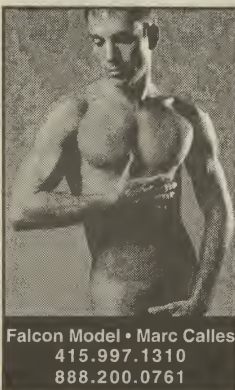
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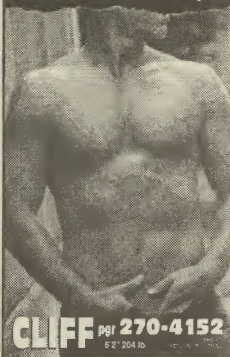
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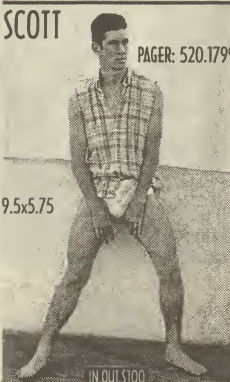
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